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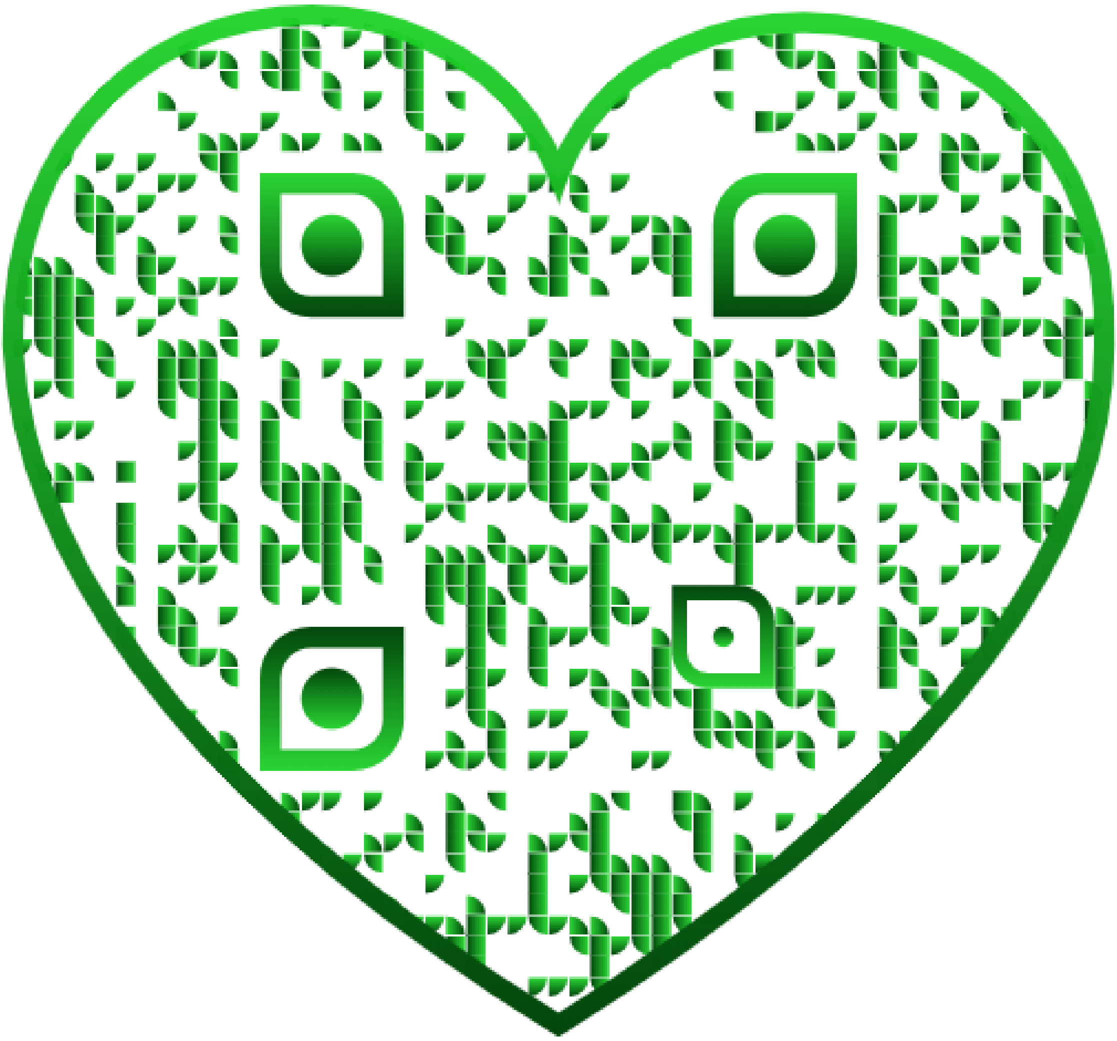

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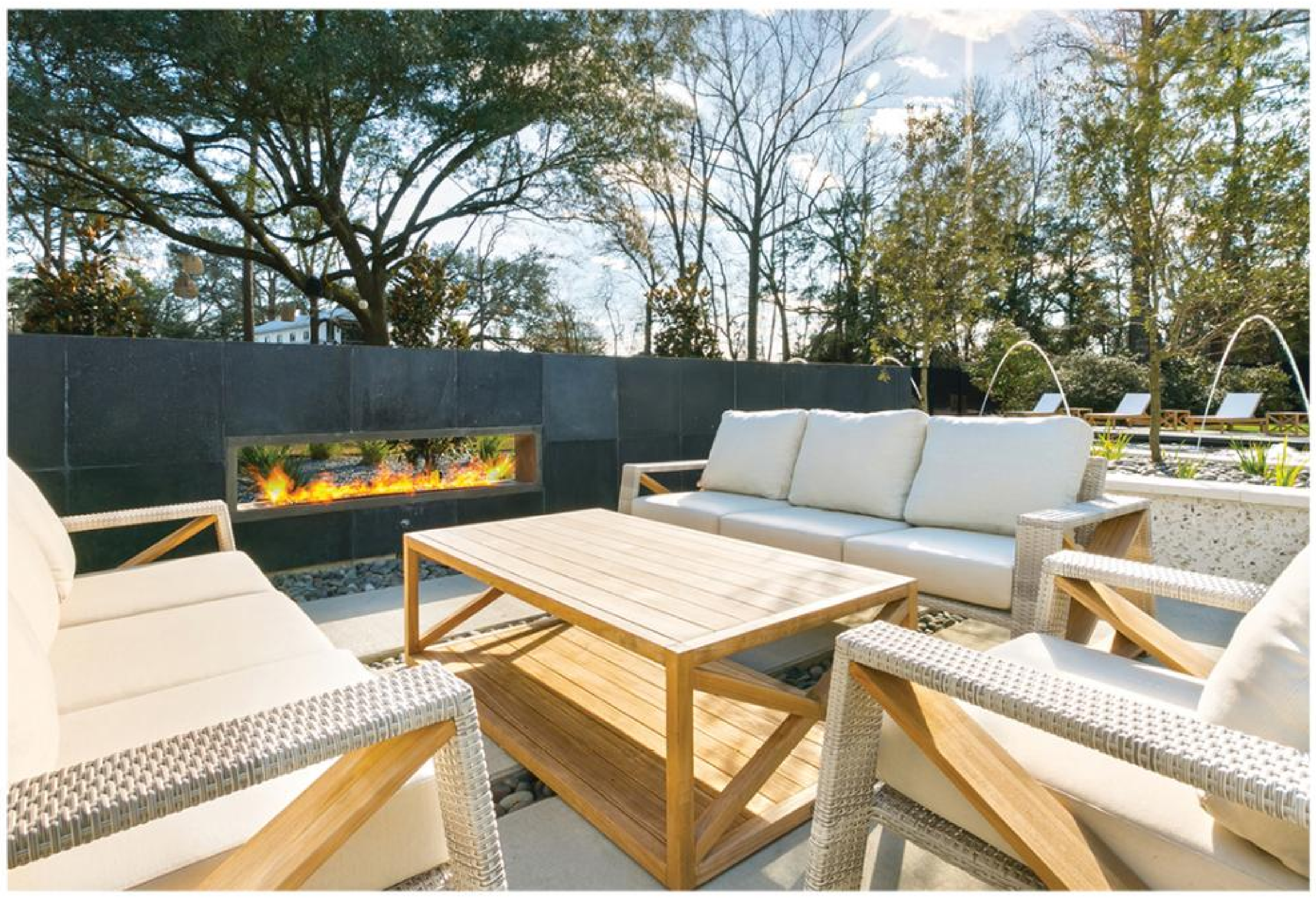

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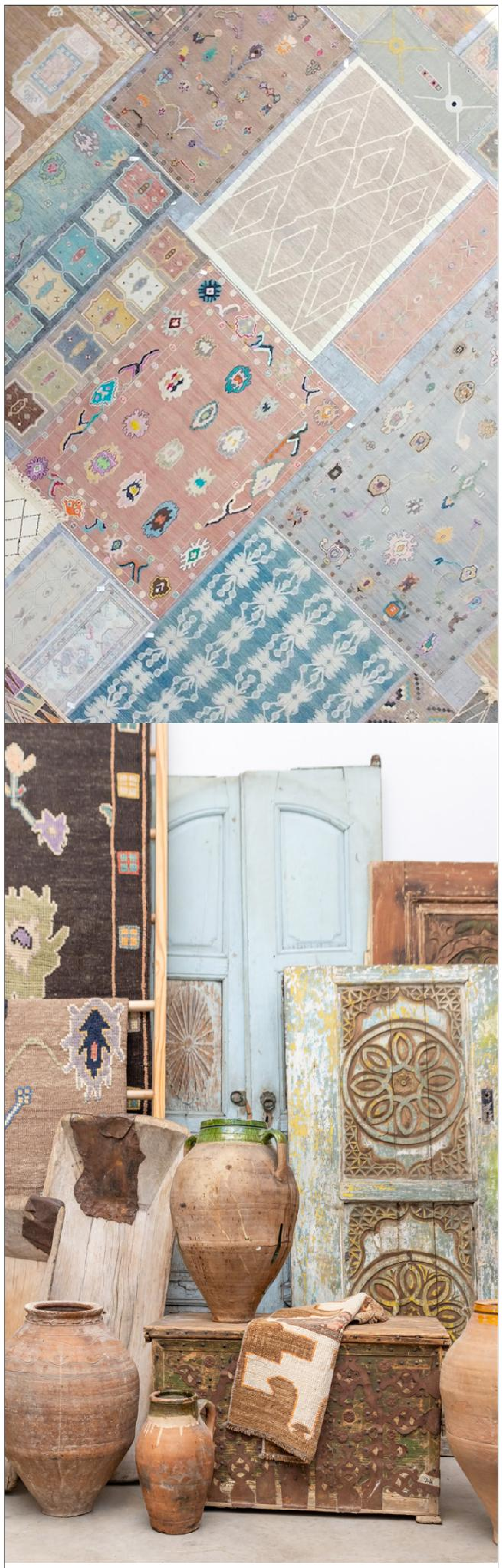

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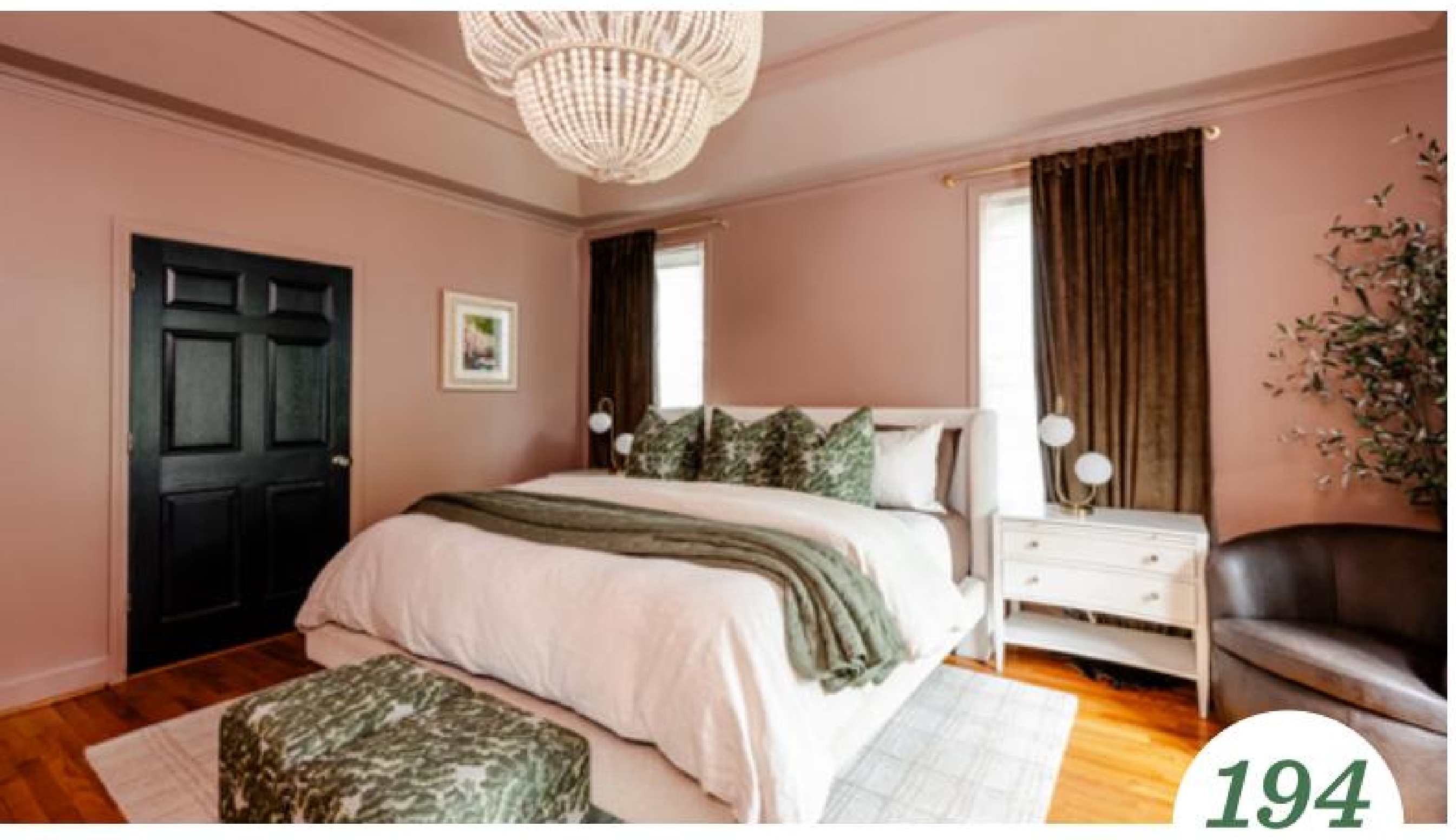
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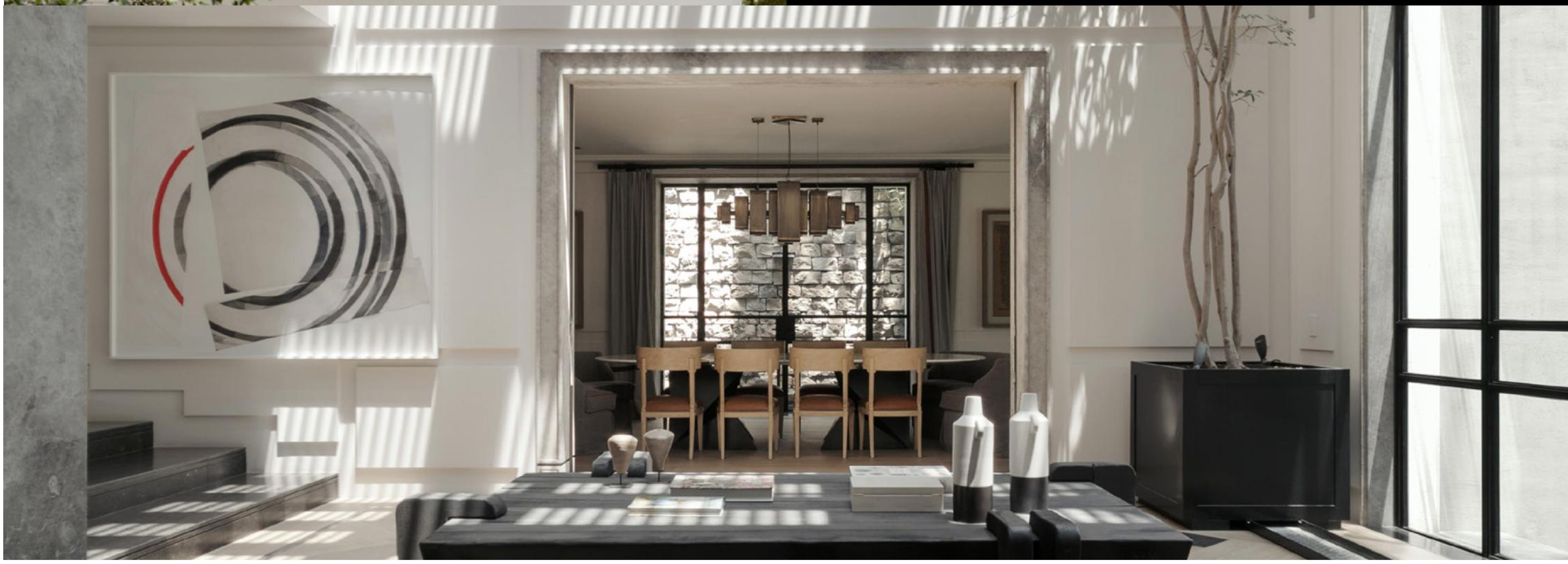

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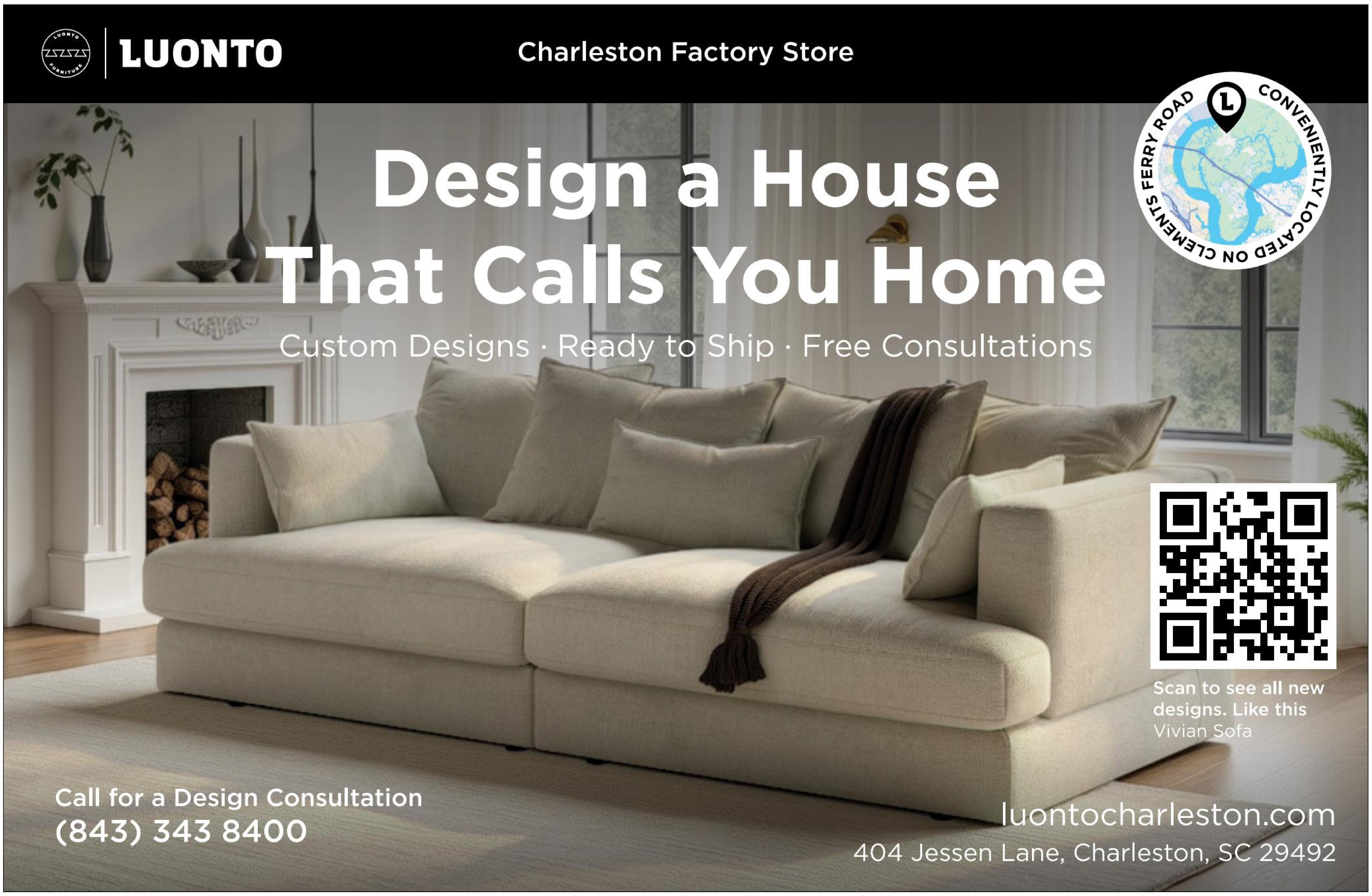
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Welcome Home

What is the definition of home? To me, it's where we retreat from the outside world and enter our own. How we define our lives can be characterized by the elements that make a house a home. If you're eager to refresh your space in time for the new year, the fall issue is for you. It's packed with inspiring custom designs reflective of each homeowner and the expertise behind them.

On the cover, Charleston's own Craig Conover invites readers into his recently completed renovation in Mount Pleasant. He details how he turned his dated colonial-style home into a cozy modern escape fit for friends and family. He shares where his business is headed and what we can expect to see from Sewing Down South this season.

The annual renovation feature showcases over seventy-five local projects, featuring before-and-after transformations as jarring as they are stunning. No time to renovate? No worries, we've also included plenty of low-effort yet high-impact design ideas to help rework your space, regardless of your constraints.

We also step inside former cover star and local fashion icon Andrea Serrano's new Charleston home. Since we last saw her, her style has evolved, and so has her business. We learn how one influences the other and indulge in the vibrant pops of color and pattern that have come to define her fun aesthetic.

In Charleston, the realms of home and design collide with tradition, taste, and personal style. The fall issue is no different, and I hope you take it along with you as you plan your next home project.

Happy Home Designing!

Micaela Arnett

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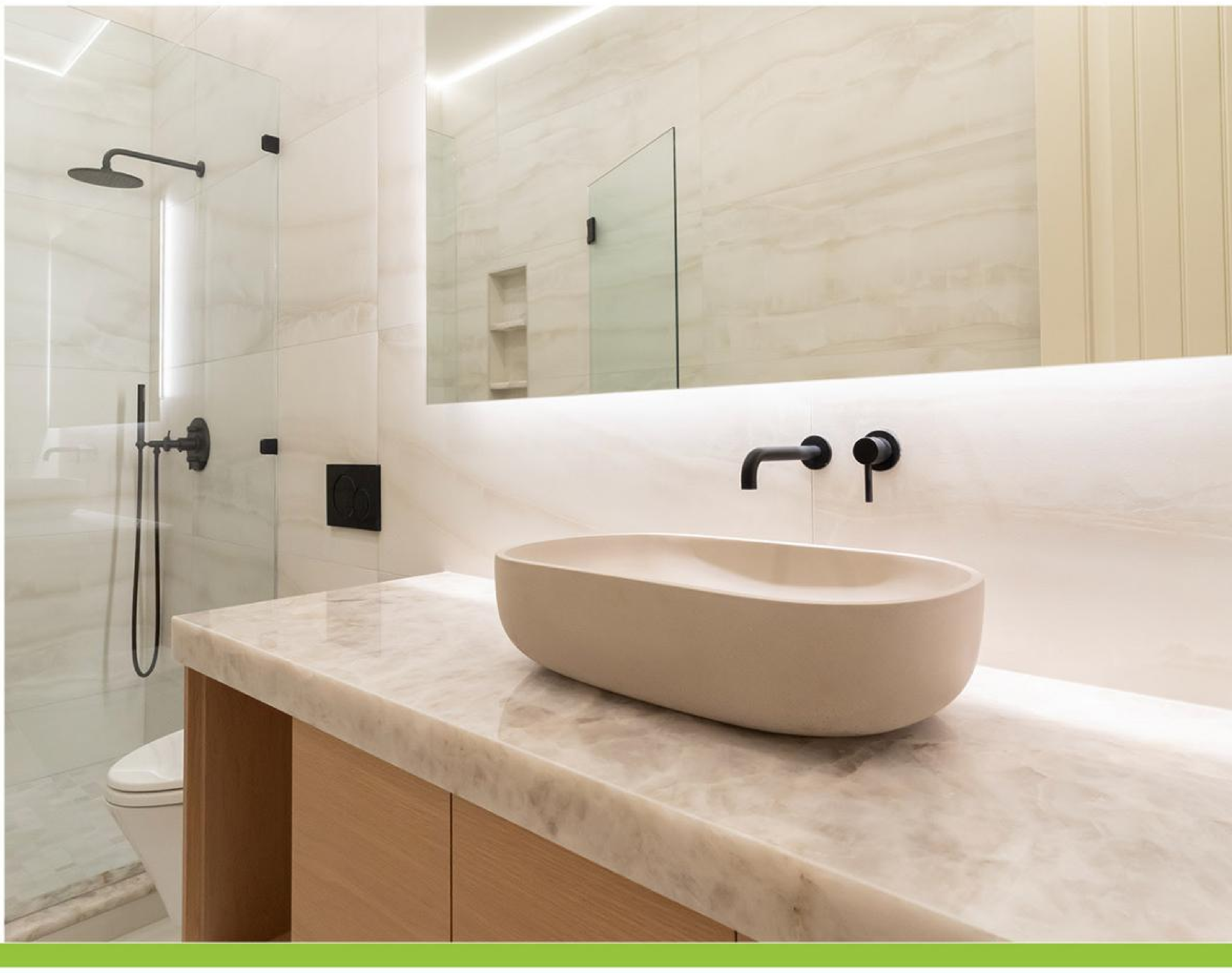

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Beauty in the Details

Meet the owner of B. Medical Aesthetics, a medical spa where personal maintenance is just as essential as home maintenance.

Written by Micaela Arnett | Photography by Kelly Parrish | Portrait by Ruta Smith

(above) With over fifteen years of experience as a Physician's Assistant, Blair Turnage combines clinical expertise with a passion for supporting patient confidence.

Why is personal maintenance essential?

Just as maintaining your home adds value over time, caring for yourself is an investment in your confidence and well-being. A bit of self-care can go a long way, helping you feel as good as you look. No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care. That's my mantra.

Where did your medical career begin?

I received my Physician's Assistant degree at the Medical University of South Carolina. I spent the early part of my career in neurosurgery and emergency medicine, teaching residents and students while honing my understanding of human anatomy.

How do you boost someone's confidence?

For me, it's not just about smoothing wrinkles or adding volume. It's about helping people feel their best. Every face tells a unique story, just like every home. My goal is to enhance what's already there, not change who they are. I want my patients to feel comfortable and supported.

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Dueling Furniture Dialogue

Paige Bishop and Alex Sienkiewicz of Luonto Furniture talk favorite styles, savvy spending, and pieces that fly off the showroom floor.

Written by Ashley Rowell | Photography by Kathryn Franklin

Paige Said:		**Alex Said:**
The Liam Sectional is my personal favorite. It's the kind of piece that invites you to unwind at the end of the day. The reversible chaise makes it super versatile for changing layouts, and the lumbar cushions offer just the right amount of support. It feels light and modern without sacrificing comfort.	**Favorite Product?**	*For me, it's Halti. It's got every function you could want: adjustable neck rests, seat depth control, storage chaise, and a Full XL sleeper. When you're not sleeping on it, it turns into a triple chaise lounge. It's one of those pieces that was designed for everyday life, with no compromises on comfort or style.*
What's more luxurious than something made just for you? With the Saana Modular Sectional, you're not limited to one feature. You can mix features such as a sleeper, recliner, and storage into a setup that fits your lifestyle.	**Preferred Luxury Function?**	*Power Level is my top function pick, offering luxury at your fingertips. Simply push a button, and your sofa transforms into a sleeper without the need for lifting or pulling. It's smooth, quiet, and comfortable. Great design doesn't need to make a fuss.*
Splurge on upholstery. It is what you see and touch every day. Luonto's construction is consistently excellent, so whichever function you choose, you're getting quality. But your fabric or leather sets the tone for the space. Select something you'll enjoy living with.	**Where to Save vs. Splurge?**	*Prioritize function when allocating your budget. If you're someone who hosts frequently, investing in a smooth, easy-to-use sleeper is worthwhile. Luonto's single-motion designs make setup effortless.*
Monika Queen is a classic for a reason. Its slim arms and compact frame make it ideal for smaller spaces, especially home offices or guest rooms that have limited space. The Nest function opens smoothly, and it looks polished in any fabric.	**Best Seller?**	*The Fantasy Queen is a sleeper with serious style. It offers a refined aesthetic while still delivering effortless functionality by opening in one swift motion. It's comfortable enough for nightly use, yet sleek enough to anchor your living space.*

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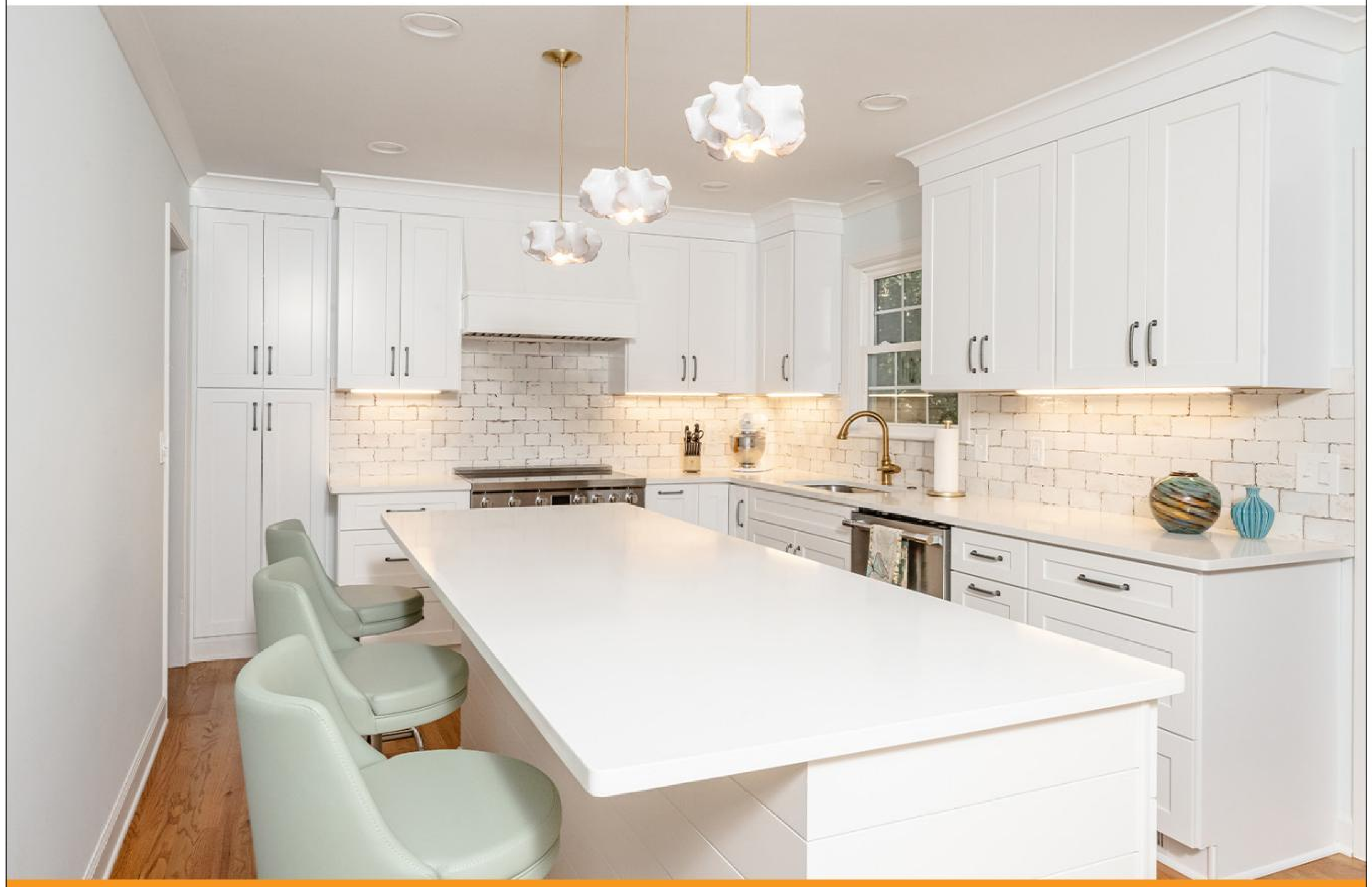

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East coast interiors lean into a refined, layered aesthetic, where classic architectural details meet contemporary art and tailored furnishings. Rich textures, coastal hues, and a sense of curated formality define the region's timeless yet refined sensibility.

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The West coast vibe continues to embrace a breezy, indoor-outdoor sensibility, blending organic textures with sculptural, statement-making furniture. Sun-washed palettes and artisanal accents reflect the region's effortless yet elevated approach to design.

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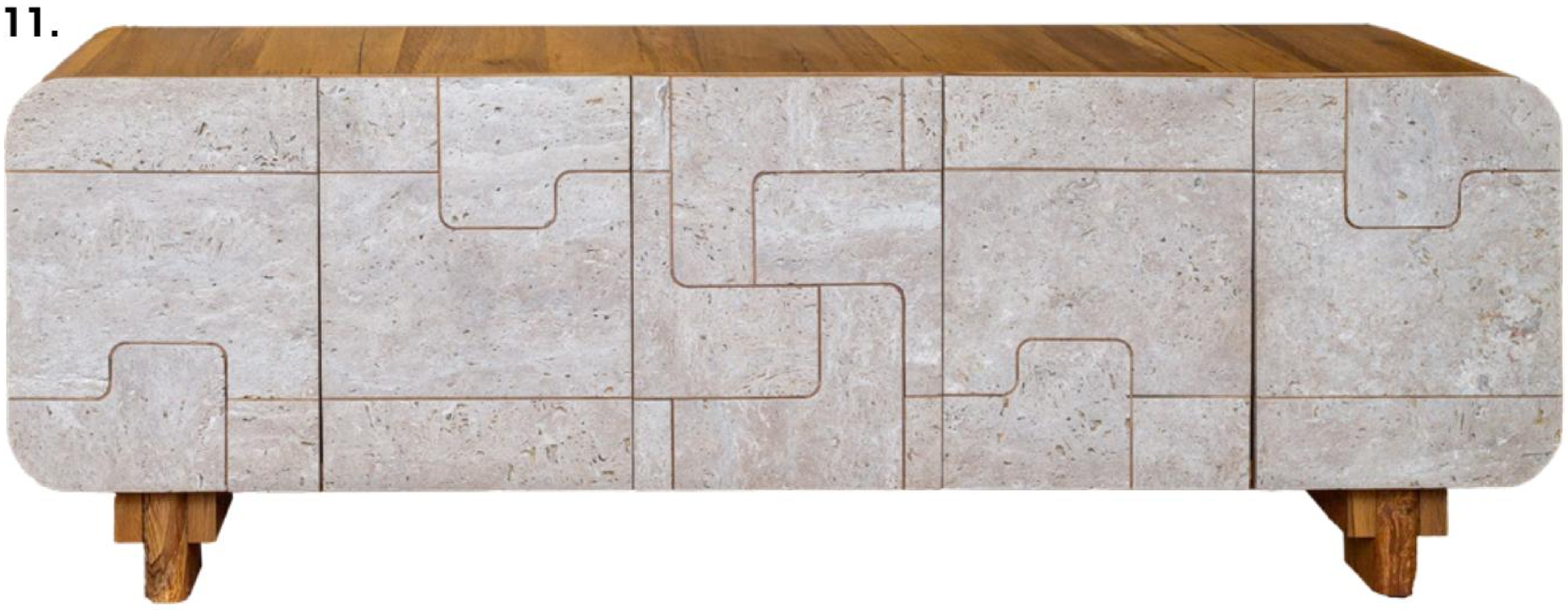

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The Art of Antiques

A thoughtfully curated collection of antiques invites visitors to explore history and find unexpected treasures at this Lowcountry showroom.

Written by Ashley Rowell | Photography by Kelly Parrish & Ruta Smith

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For those who want a preview, the store regularly showcases current inventory on social media, giving a glimpse into the variety and charm of the pieces available. Whether you're hunting for a statement piece or small, unique accents, Terrace Oaks Antiques invites you to explore, collect, and bring a touch of history into your home. There's always something special waiting to be found.

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At Home With:

Tricia Peterson of Island House Real Estate

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Written by Ashley Rowell | Photography by Kelly Parrish & Ruta Smith

After a three-year renovation, this historic property was thoughtfully restored to honor its past while embracing modern sensibilities. With the right connections, the brokerage brought new life to the home. “There’s a lot of due diligence when renovating a historic property, and our network as a luxury broker was key to getting it done,” Tricia Peterson says.

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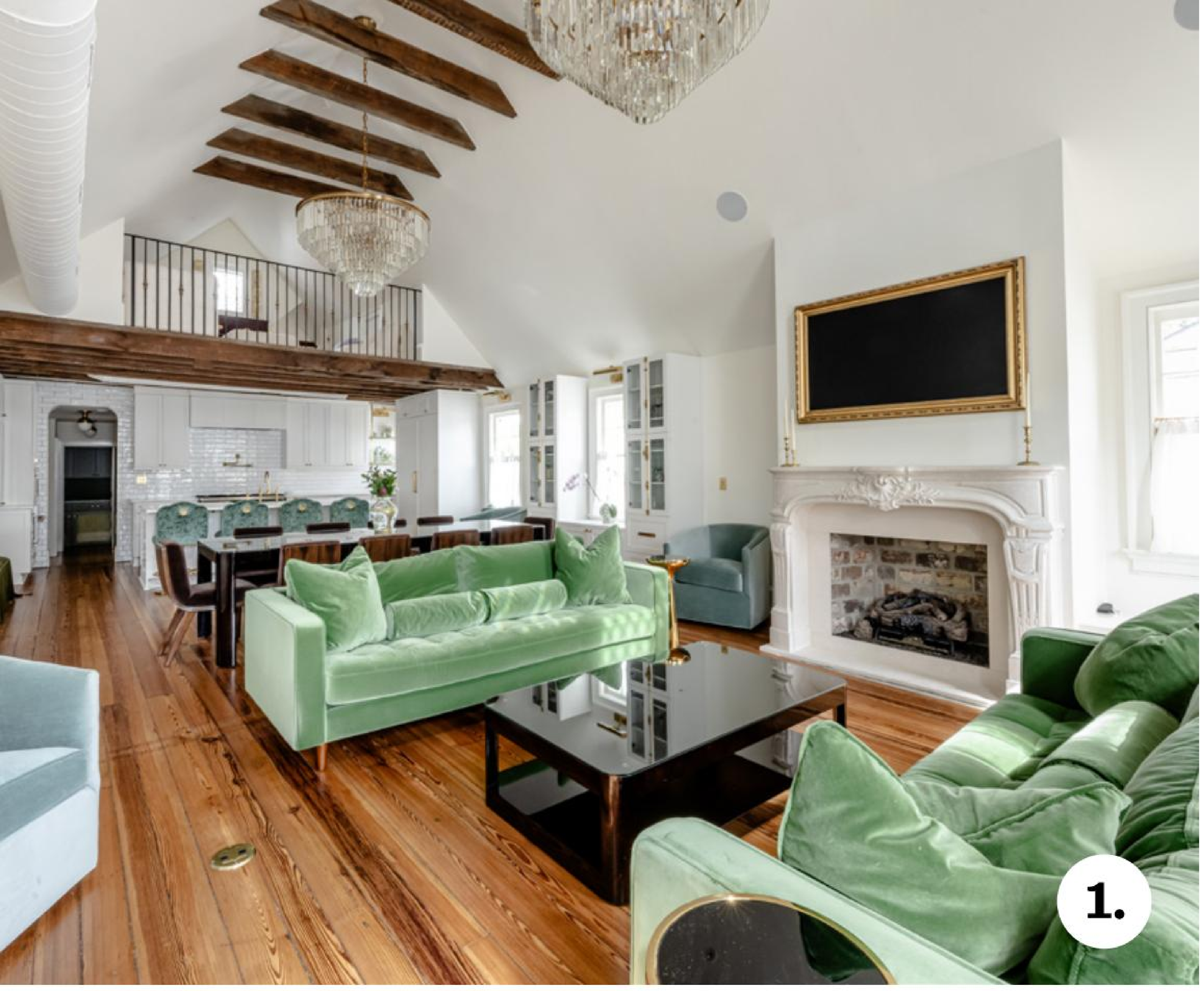

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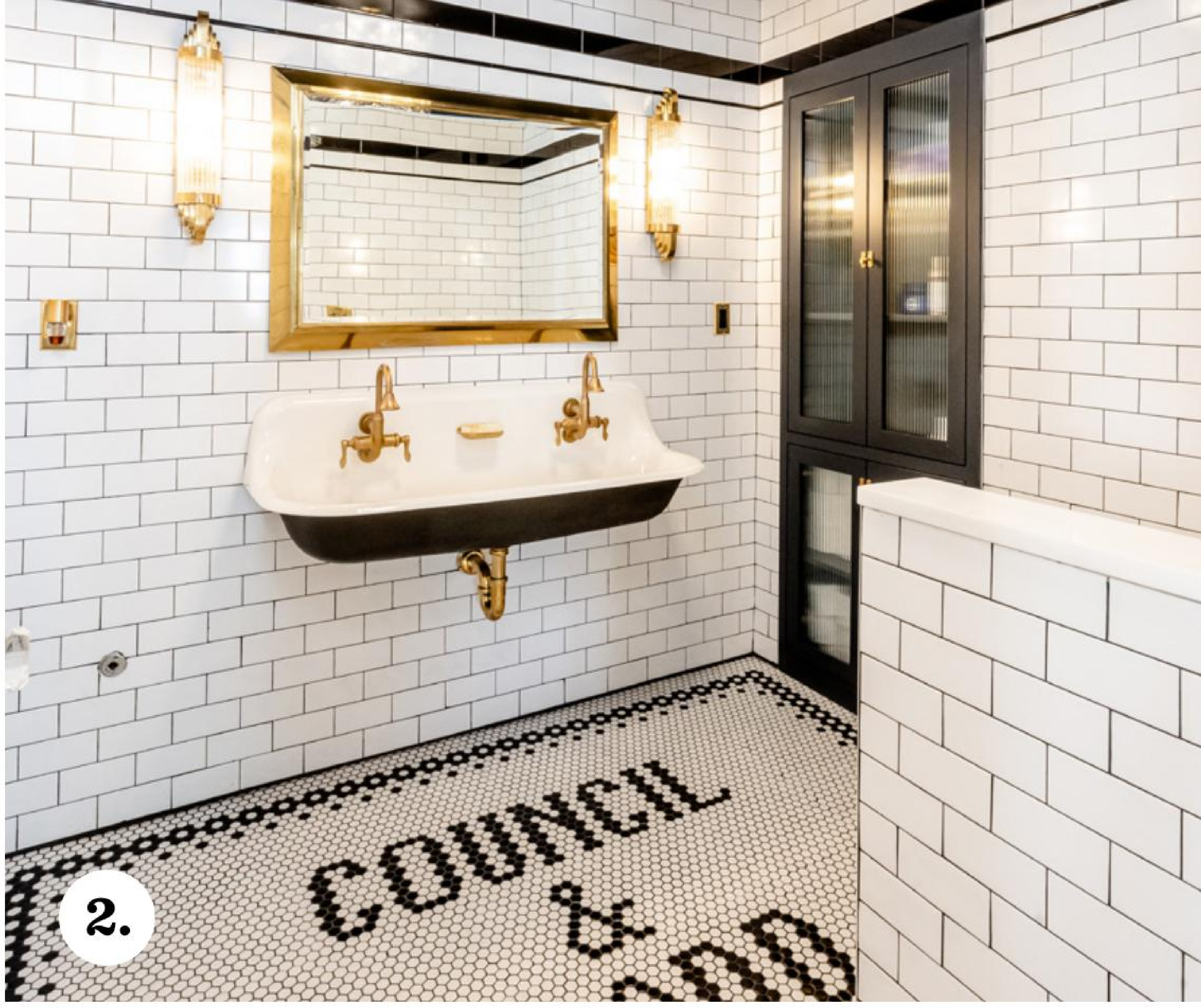

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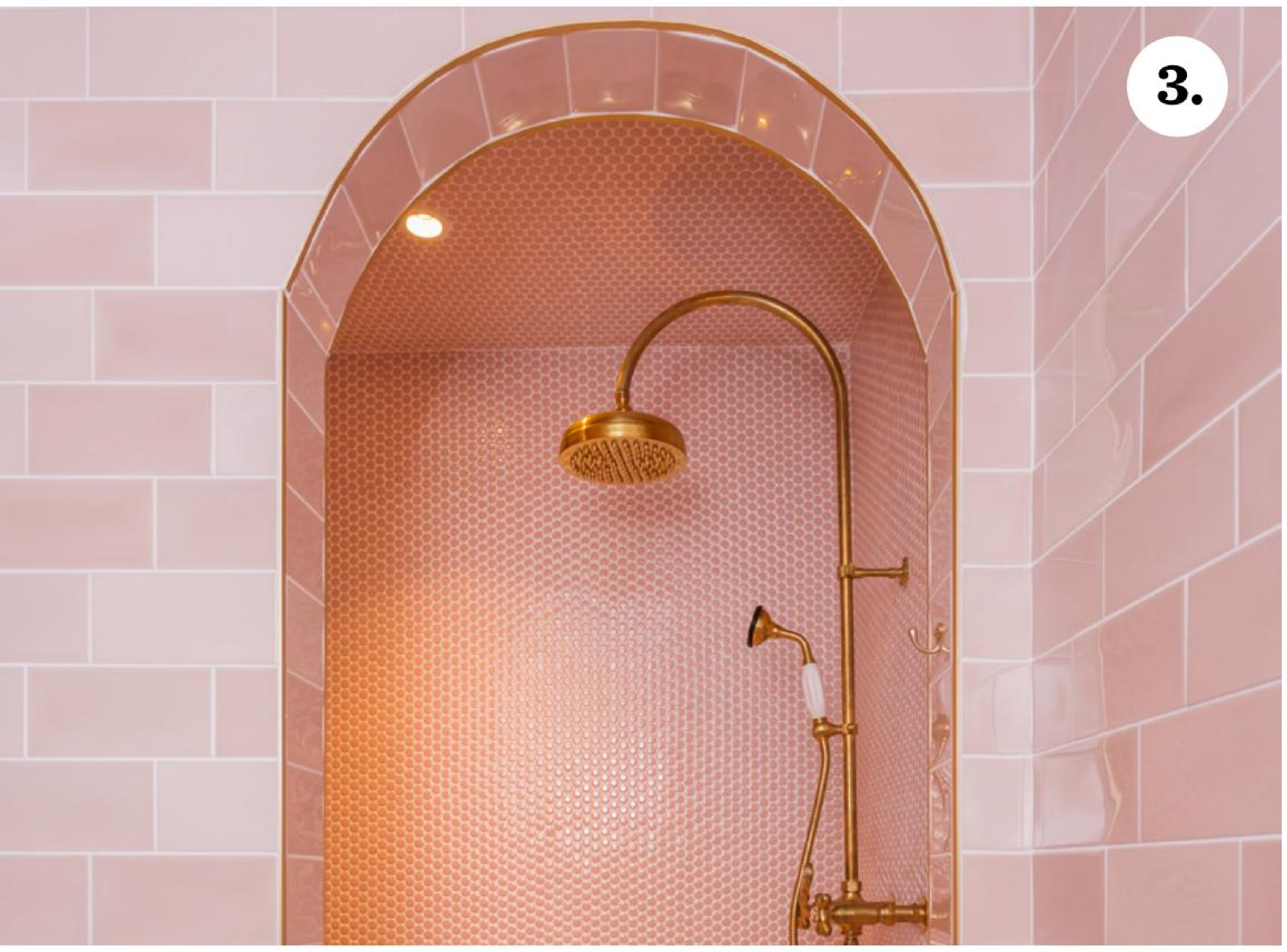

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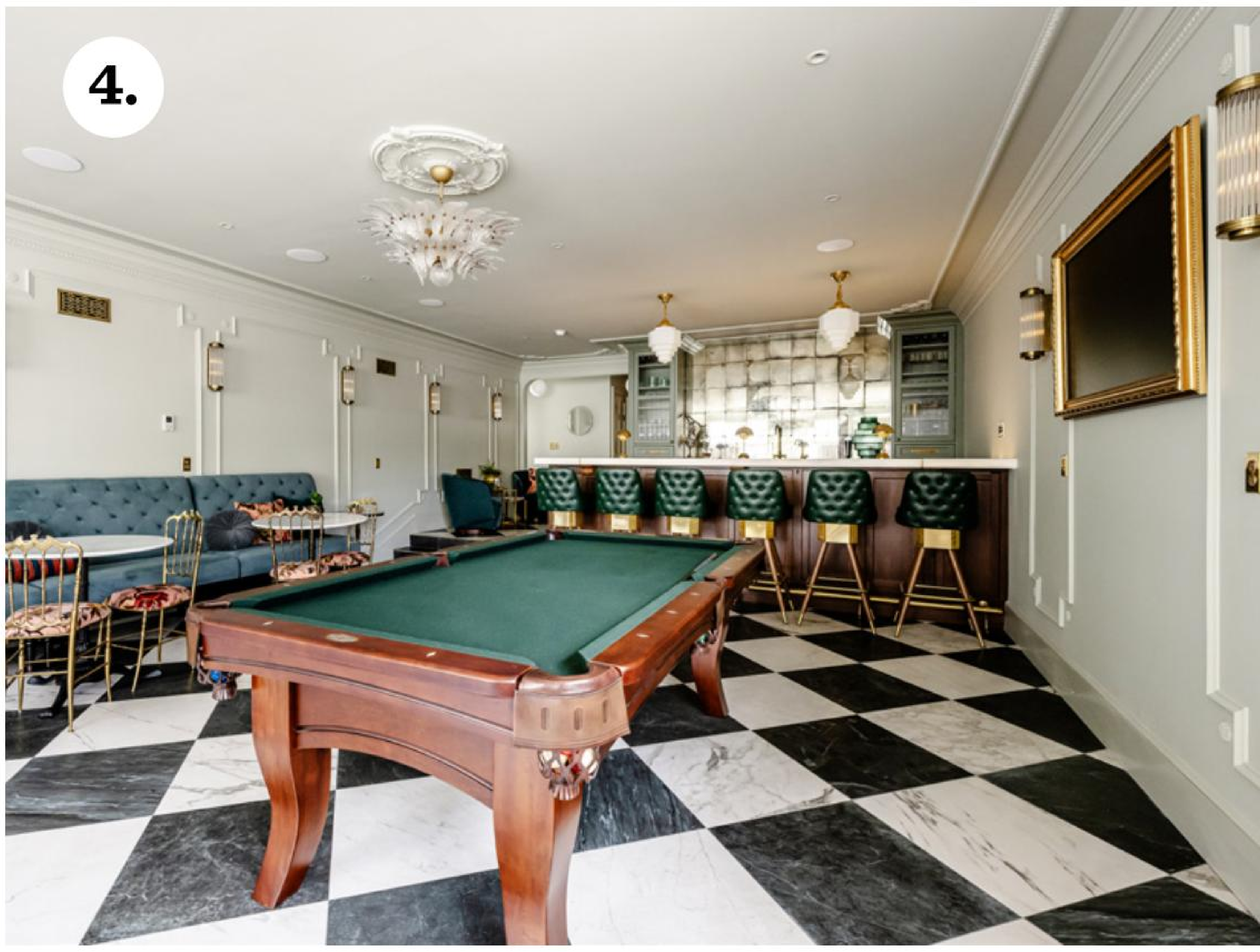

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1. *Living Room*

This is Tricia's favorite room, thanks to its sparkling chandeliers and original heart pine floors that celebrate the home's history. "Opening up the ceiling made such a difference. It gives the space a grand feel," she says. Green velvet sofas inject an unexpected pop of color, while a classic stone fireplace with an ornate mantle adds warmth and invites guests to linger. The living area flows seamlessly to the dining area and the kitchen. Bright white cabinetry and a glossy backsplash keep the kitchen feeling fresh and modern, while vintage-inspired green bar stools echo the playful hues of the lounge.

3. *Guest Bathroom*

The choice of pink tile brings a fun, flirty energy to the space, while floor-to-ceiling tilework creates an immersive, spa-like retreat. "I was pretty adamant about having arched shower entries with no doors," Tricia says. "I wanted every wall tiled, even some of the ceilings." For a playful touch, the penny tile spells out "est. 1870," dating the space to its original era. Funky brass lighting and unexpected brass legs supporting the countertop and basin replaced the traditional vanity cabinetry, completing the vintage-meets-modern vibe.

2. *Powder Room*

The mosaic penny tile floor displays "Council & Tradd," grounding this powder bath in the property's rich history. Classic white subway tile ascends the walls, its crispness complementing the black-painted ceiling for a touch of drama. Dark cabinetry with fluted glass inserts brings subtle texture and an industrial edge, while a crystal chandelier softens the look. Polished brass fixtures, such as the faucet and the mirror frame, and the wall sconces, add elegance and warmth.

4. *Business Headquarters*

Tricia envisioned a Great Gatsby meets French café vibe in the meeting space, brought to life with vintage nods, such as push-button light switches and rim locks. Tufted banquettes in deep blue velvet line the wall, brass café chairs add a Parisian touch, and emerald green leather bar stools anchor the cleverly lit marble bar. A dramatic black-and-white checkerboard marble floor and an ornate 1800s Murano crystal chandelier complete the speakeasy atmosphere.

Historic Textile Collaboration

Debby Gomulka collaborates with South Carolina's historic Baxter Mill archive to create the Marrakech Textile Collection.

Written by Micaela Arnett | Photography Provided by Provenance Lee Interiors

(above) Inspired by her childhood travels to Morocco, Debby infuses a sense of global appreciation and inspiration into the Marrakech Collection, a vibrant line of upholstery and drapery fabric.

The Craftswoman

Debby, the creative force behind Provenance Lee Interiors, combines her background in fashion and interior design to create meaningful, eco-conscious pieces. Her latest work, the Marrakech Textile Collection, reflects her signature style—blending form, function, and sustainability with a sense of global heritage. Inspired by a client's stories of childhood travel to Morocco, Debby infused the collection with the vibrant color, intricate pattern, and cultural richness that define Marrakech. Her thoughtful approach has earned praise from industry leaders, including Dr. Henry Boyter Jr., Director of the Center for Environmentally Sustainable Textile/Apparel at the NCSU College of Textiles, who commends her use of low-impact fibers to create beautiful, sustainable textiles.

The Process

Every element of the Marrakech Collection is rooted in intentionality. Produced locally in South Carolina, Debby partners with the historic Baxter Mill Archive—a once-abandoned textile mill now revived as a hub for sustainable craftsmanship. By keeping production local and using environmentally responsible materials, the collection minimizes carbon emissions and honors the legacy of textile making. This fall, Provenance Lee Interiors will unveil nine new colorways, each designed to channel Moroccan tradition through a modern lens.

The Craft

The Marrakech Collection spans both home goods and fashion scarves, capturing the intersection of timeless design and eco-luxury living. To mark the launch, Debby will host a fashion show in October featuring archival pieces from legendary New York designer Frank Cassata. The event will underscore the collection's versatility, bridging classic fashion and forward-thinking interiors. Whether designing custom furnishings, architectural details, or window treatments, Debby approaches every project as a collaborative journey. For her, sustainability is more than a selling point—it's a way of life, grounded in comfort, quality, and conscientious design.

Designer Debby Gomulka of Provenance Lee Interiors

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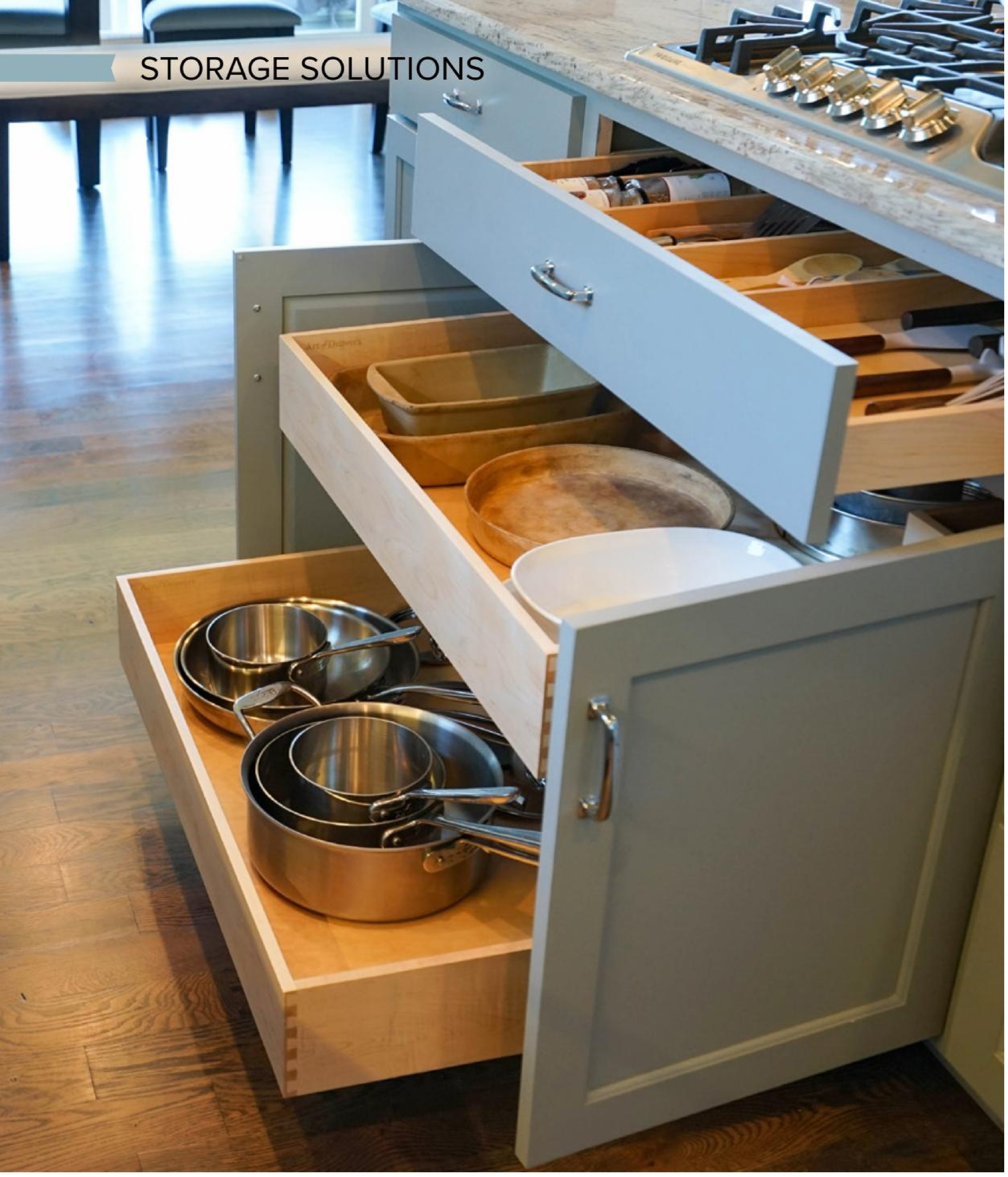

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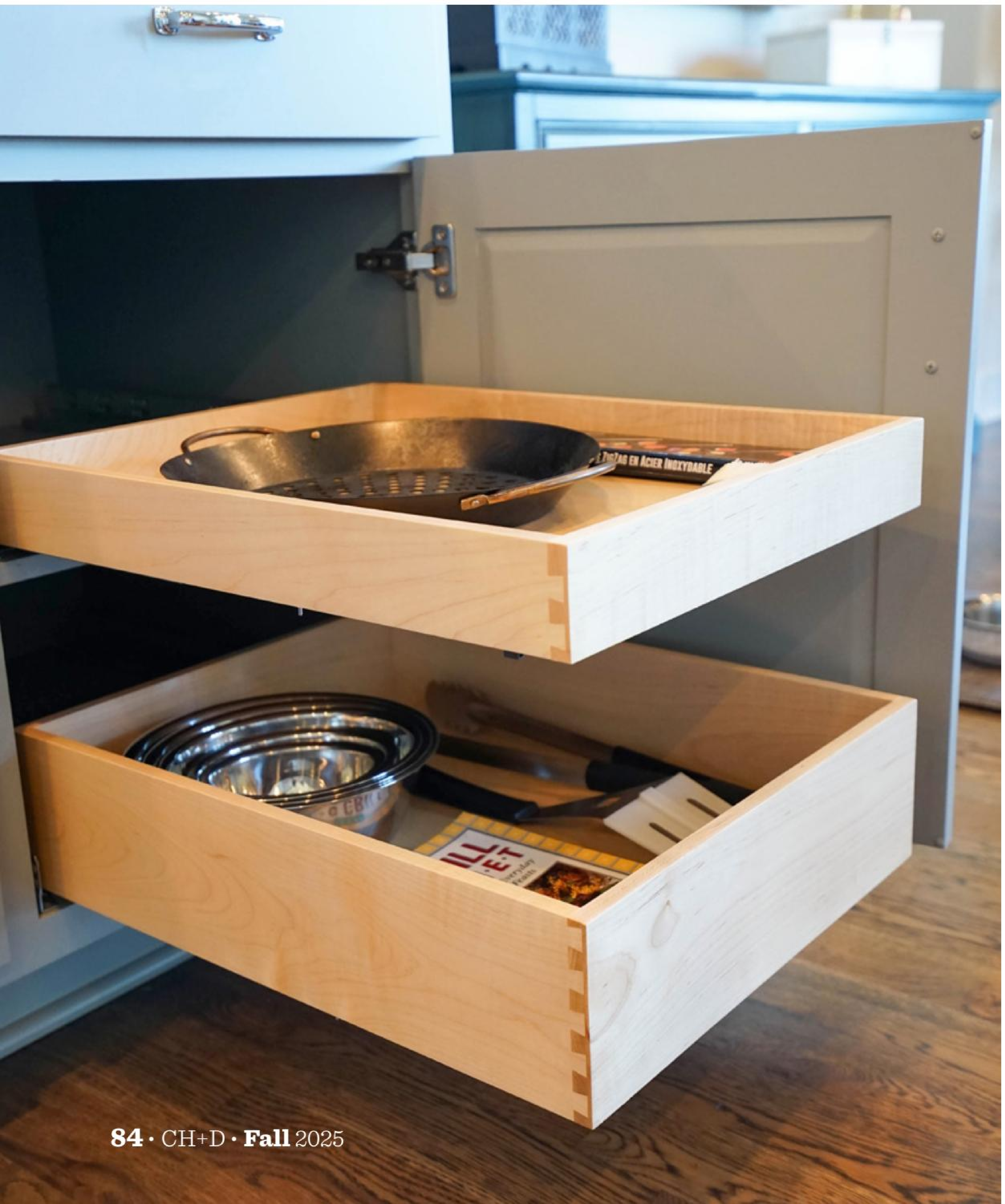

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The Problem:

This particular kitchen came with its own set of challenges, being smaller than most. The team at Art of Drawers needed to devise a plan that would maximize every available surface and inch of storage, without making the space feel even more cramped. This meant approaching the design with precision and creativity, ensuring that each cabinet, drawer, and shelf served a purpose.

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Stained Fence

(above) This dark-stained fence not only protects the wood but also adds a rich, elevated finish to the home's exterior. ***(opposite)*** The deck and gate are stained in the same finish for a cohesive aesthetic.

Owner John Shelton of Carolina Stain and Paint

Why stain your fence or deck?

It's an investment that should be protected beyond aesthetic enhancement. A quality stain shields fences and decks from UV damage, humidity, and everyday wear and tear. In Charleston, a finishing touch that gives your fence or deck a polished and long-lasting look.

PRO TIP:

It's best to start protecting your wood with stain before construction, but Carolina Stain and Seal also specializes in repairs and restoration. Any exposed wood that isn't sealed is entirely vulnerable.

Is it enough to simply stain the surface?

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PRO TIP:

Just as a termite inspection and bond protect your home from hidden threats, proper evaluation and care for your wood structures ensure they remain strong and long-lasting. Skipping this step is like leaving your investment unprotected.

Exterior color selection tips?

Homeowners often overlook an exterior color's light reflective value (LRV). LRV measures how much light a color reflects, and it has a significant impact on longevity. A bright white

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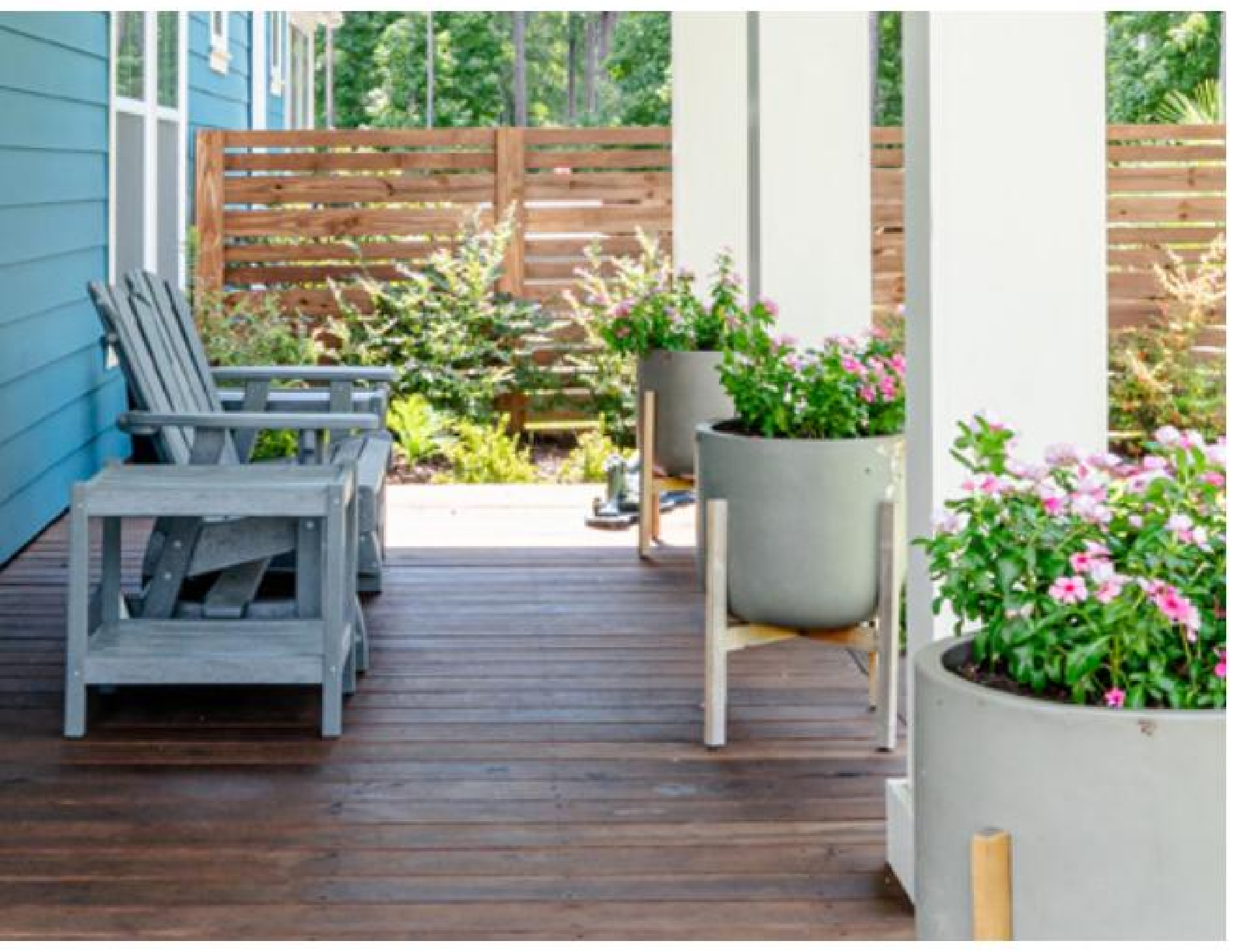

reflects nearly all light, while a dark brown absorbs it, making it prone to faster fading. When selecting a color, it's essential to strike a balance between personal preference and durability.

PRO TIP:
Take the time to research and understand the light reflective value of these paint colors. It will pay off when you don't have to repaint your home in ten years. Products like Emerald Rain Refresh by Sherwin-Williams enable darker colors to maintain higher reflectivity, combining the look homeowners desire with the longevity required.

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Peter Loy

Citadel Enterprises, Inc.

What's your secret to success?

"While we take pride in delivering beautiful results, what truly sets us apart is our commitment to doing things the right way, even when it's the harder path. What I mean by that is even if we encounter issues a homeowner might not want to hear, we address them honestly. We won't take on a project if it can't be done correctly. Our strong customer service is another key factor. With dedicated project managers, we oversee quality, coordinate subcontractors, and guide homeowners through the process by setting clear expectations and schedules. Above all, we're straightforward."

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Ryan Jackson

Jackson Construction, LLC

How do you go from concept to construction?

"We start by collaborating closely with the client to understand their vision, then create a detailed architectural design using AutoCAD. From there, the timeline depends on where the client is in the process. If plans need to be created and permitted, large additions or custom builds typically take about two to three months before breaking ground, depending on revisions. If a client already has engineered plans, we can often provide an estimate within a week and move to permitting in less than two months. Our goal is to guide clients smoothly from concept to construction, ensuring the design reflects their vision while meeting all practical and regulatory requirements."

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Travis Arnett

Arnett Custom Homes

Describe the 'Wedding Cake House' project:

"The new home on the site of the former 'Wedding Cake House' on Sullivan's Island will be a two-story residence that epitomizes coastal living. Soaring twelve-foot ceilings and a thoughtful layout maximize its extraordinary setting. A glass wall at the entry frames Breach's Inlet, while the main living areas capture sweeping 180-degree Atlantic views. Expansive accordion-style doors invite breezes and sunlight, and impact-rated glass ensures protection. Built on a fortified foundation reinforced with three-foot-thick concrete and twenty tons of steel rebar, the home blends the romance of island living with modern engineering; it's a place built to stay."

For more information, call Arnett Custom Homes at (843) 271-8668 or visit arnettcustomhomes.com.

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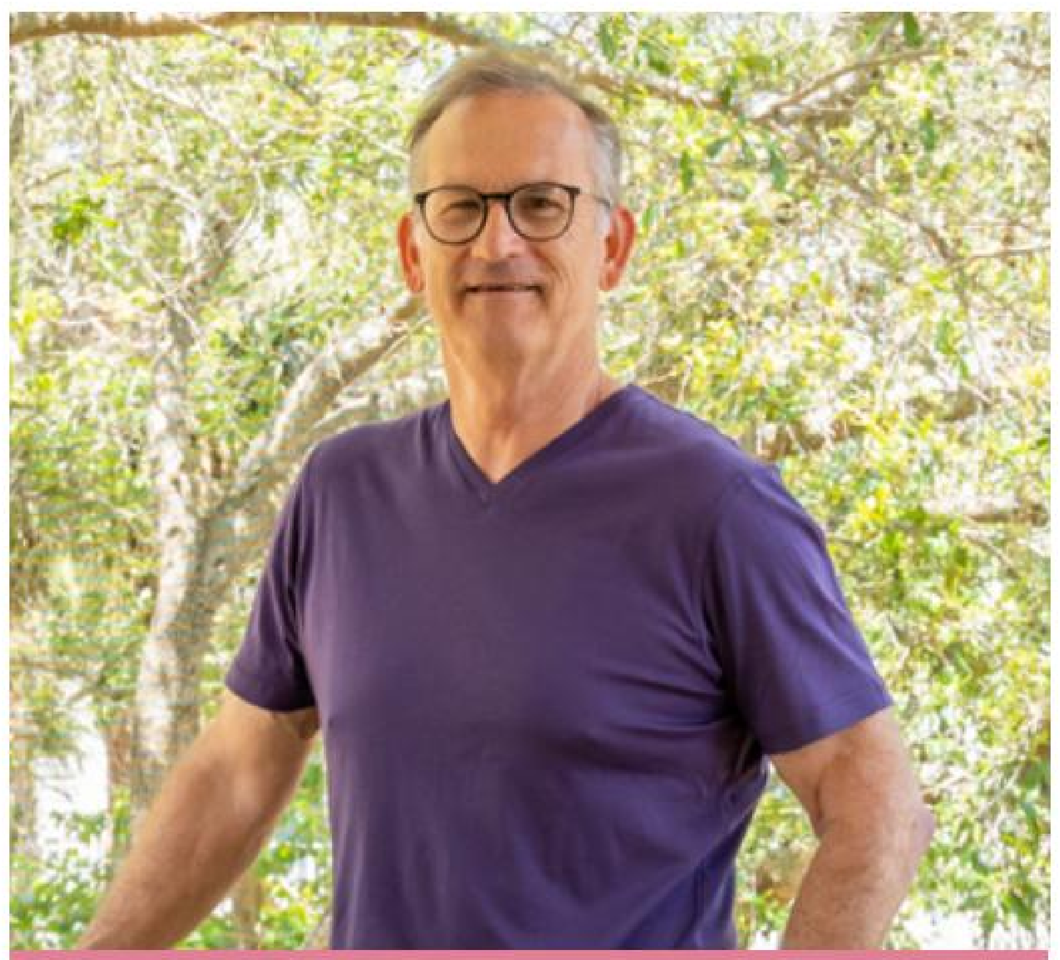

Kevin Kalman

Kalman Construction

Tell us about the evolution of your company:

> My dad was a builder, so I grew up swinging a hammer and learning the trade from the ground up. Early on in the business, we experimented with subcontracting, but it just didn't work for us. We returned to hiring our own crew, and now we're fortunate to have a team that has been with us for nearly a decade. I also went back to school to earn both my plumbing and electrician licenses, which allows us to keep even more of the work in-house. I've always believed that if you treat people well, they'll reciprocate with respect, and that philosophy has built a strong, dependable team. These are people we know will show up, get the job done, and do it right.

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Tell us about the project's architectural highlights.

Personal style was just as important as functionality. In the primary bathroom, a coordinated soaking tub and walk-in shower, both floored in matching tile, create a serene, cohesive retreat. A custom vanity wall with built-in shelving completes the space. To introduce warmth and dimension throughout, tongue-and-groove ceilings were added in the primary suite and main living area, offering a subtle contrast to the clean, simple walls. After removing the interior walls, a large island became the focal point. The custom wet bar extends from the kitchen into the living room, making it easy for the homeowner to serve guests.

Biggest challenge?

With 1,107 square feet to work with, every design decision had to serve dual purposes. The original layout held promise, but improving flow was key. The kitchen was reimagined to include a spacious island while preserving an open-concept feel. A subtle shift in ceiling height between the kitchen and living area created a natural transition, further defined by a stained tongue-and-groove finish that adds warmth and visual depth. To reclaim valuable square footage, the fireplace wall was reframed to accommodate a slimline insert, helping us gain a full 18 inches of living space.

Favorite part of this design?

While each space has its unique character, what we love most about the architectural design is how seamlessly the spaces connect, creating the feel of a much larger home. The thoughtful flow, purposeful function, and cohesive style strike a balance between individuality and unity throughout.

Describe your business philosophy.

Great design is the cornerstone of any successful renovation. That's why we take a thoughtful, collaborative approach. By working closely with clients from the start to fine-tune layouts, select materials, and identify potential challenges before construction begins, we can ensure a successful renovation. A thorough planning phase leads to a more accurate budget, a streamlined timeline, and a finished space that's as functional as it is beautiful. By guiding clients through material choices that align with their lifestyle and goals, we ensure the result feels intentional, livable, and lasting.

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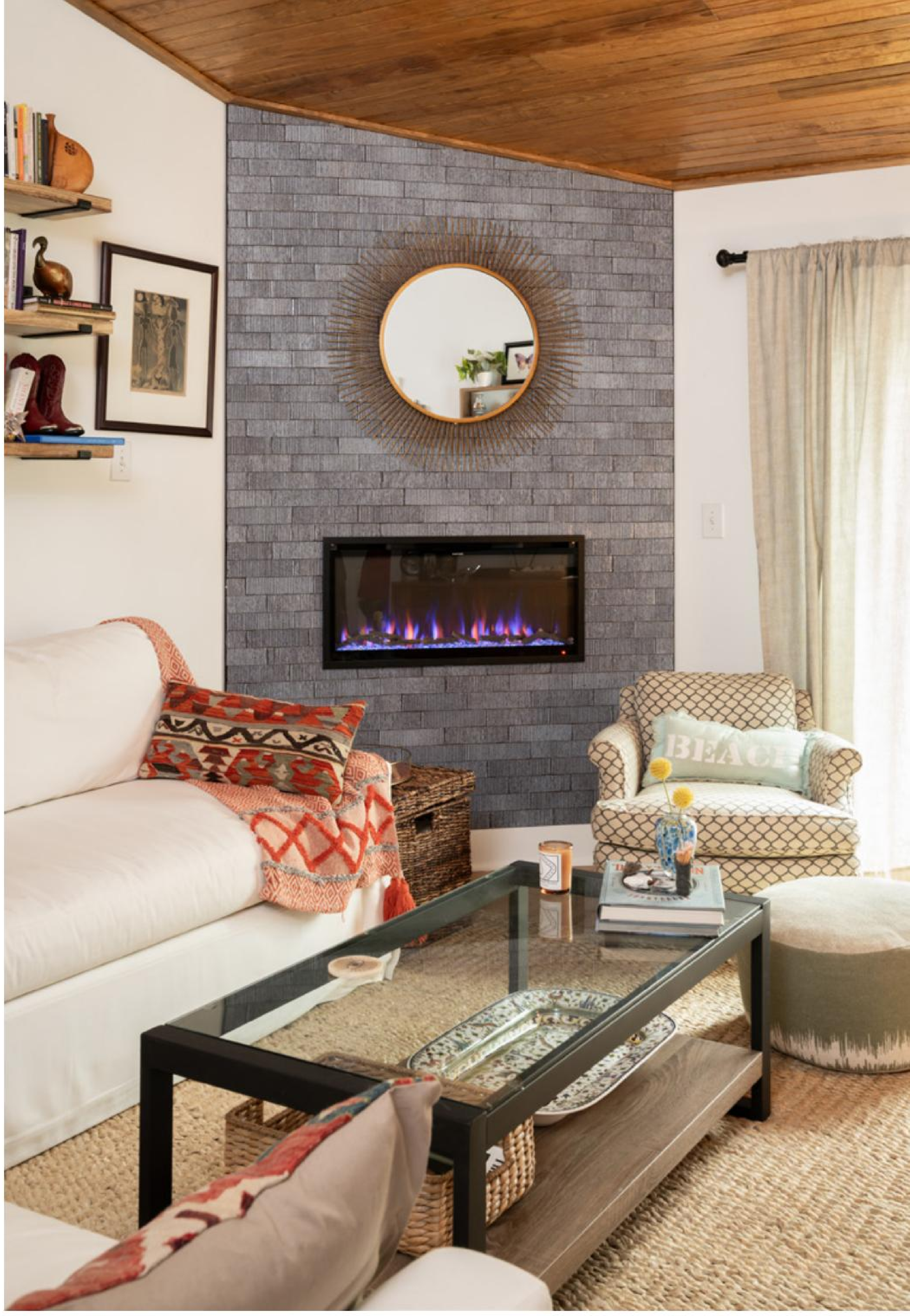
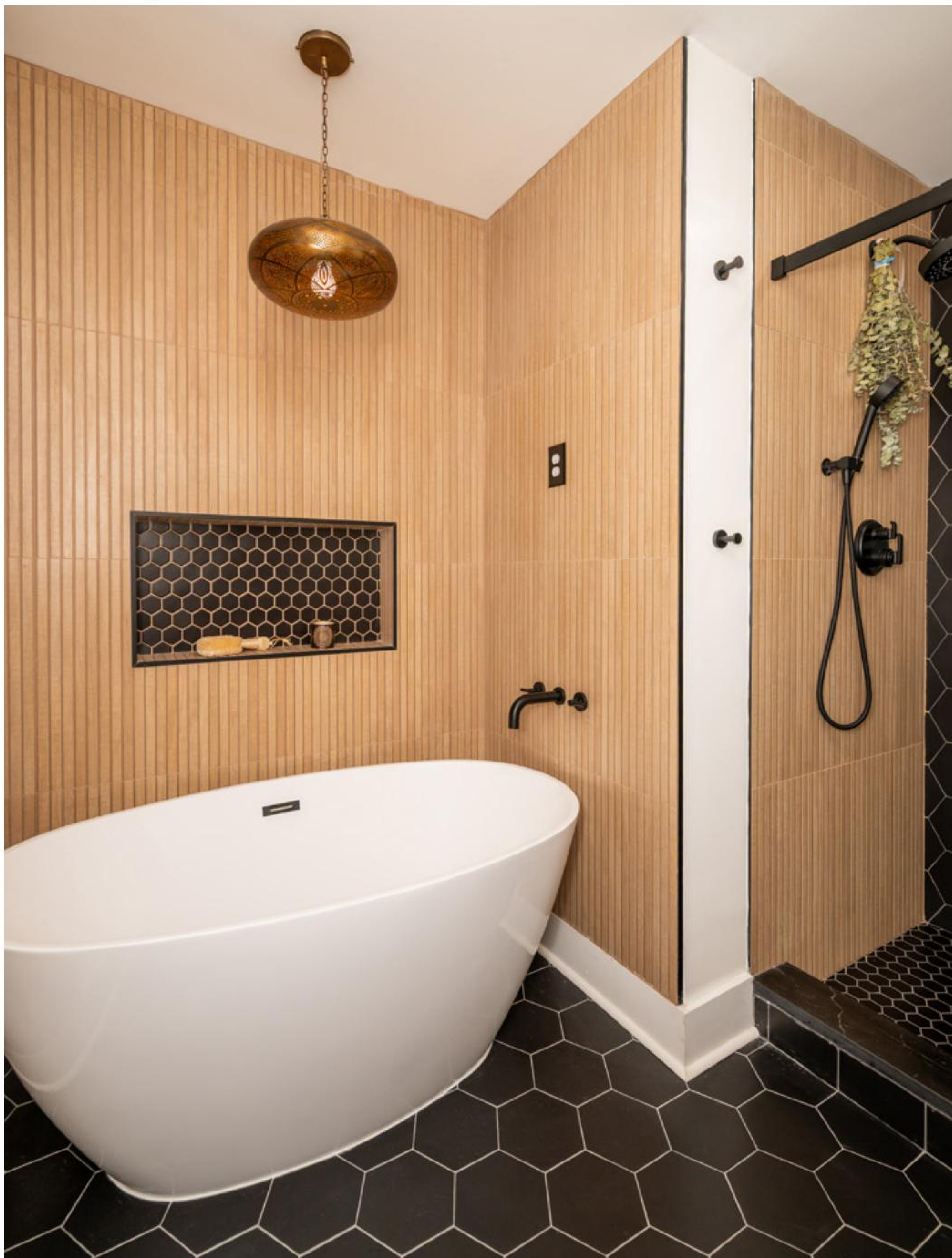


(above) The updated fireplace accent wall features bold blue brick, and creates contrast against a wood ceiling.



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(above) To amplify the light and sense of space, a wall was removed to create an open layout that seamlessly connects the entry, kitchen, and living areas. ***(below left)*** In the primary bathroom, depth and dimension is introduced with hexagonal tiles paired with fluted wall tile.

BUILDER:

Tommy Priester

PRIESTER'S CUSTOM CONTRACTING, LLC

What's your building philosophy?

At Priester's Custom Contracting, LLC, we believe that building or remodeling a home should be an enjoyable and stress-free experience. Our philosophy is centered on exceptional customer service, clear communication, and hands-on project management. We keep our clients continuously informed, whether they live locally or are from out of town. With daily site visits and a commitment to detail, we ensure that each job site runs smoothly and efficiently.

Biggest challenge of this project?

Building on this waterfront lot came with a unique challenge. It was tucked in behind several established homes. The goal was to build a home that not only blended seamlessly with the existing neighborhood but also maximized the stunning water views that make this property so special. The result is a home that feels both functional and retreat-like; a peaceful sanctuary that complements its surroundings while embracing the beauty of waterfront living.

Favorite space?

One of the most cherished spaces in this home is the back porch, designed to capture the beauty of its waterfront setting. The cozy outdoor fireplace creates a warm and inviting atmosphere, while the comfortable seating makes it easy to unwind and enjoy the scenery year-round. The goal was to make this a seamless extension of the home where family and friends can gather for years to come.

Must-have feature in every home?

For us, the one must-have feature in every home is natural light. Large, well-placed windows not only enhance the beauty of a space but also make it feel open, warm, and inviting. Natural light transforms how a home is lived in. It highlights the home's details, creates an uplifting atmosphere, and helps connect the indoors with the outdoors. No matter the size or style of the home, thoughtful use of natural light is essential in creating a space that feels comfortable, ageless, and truly like home.

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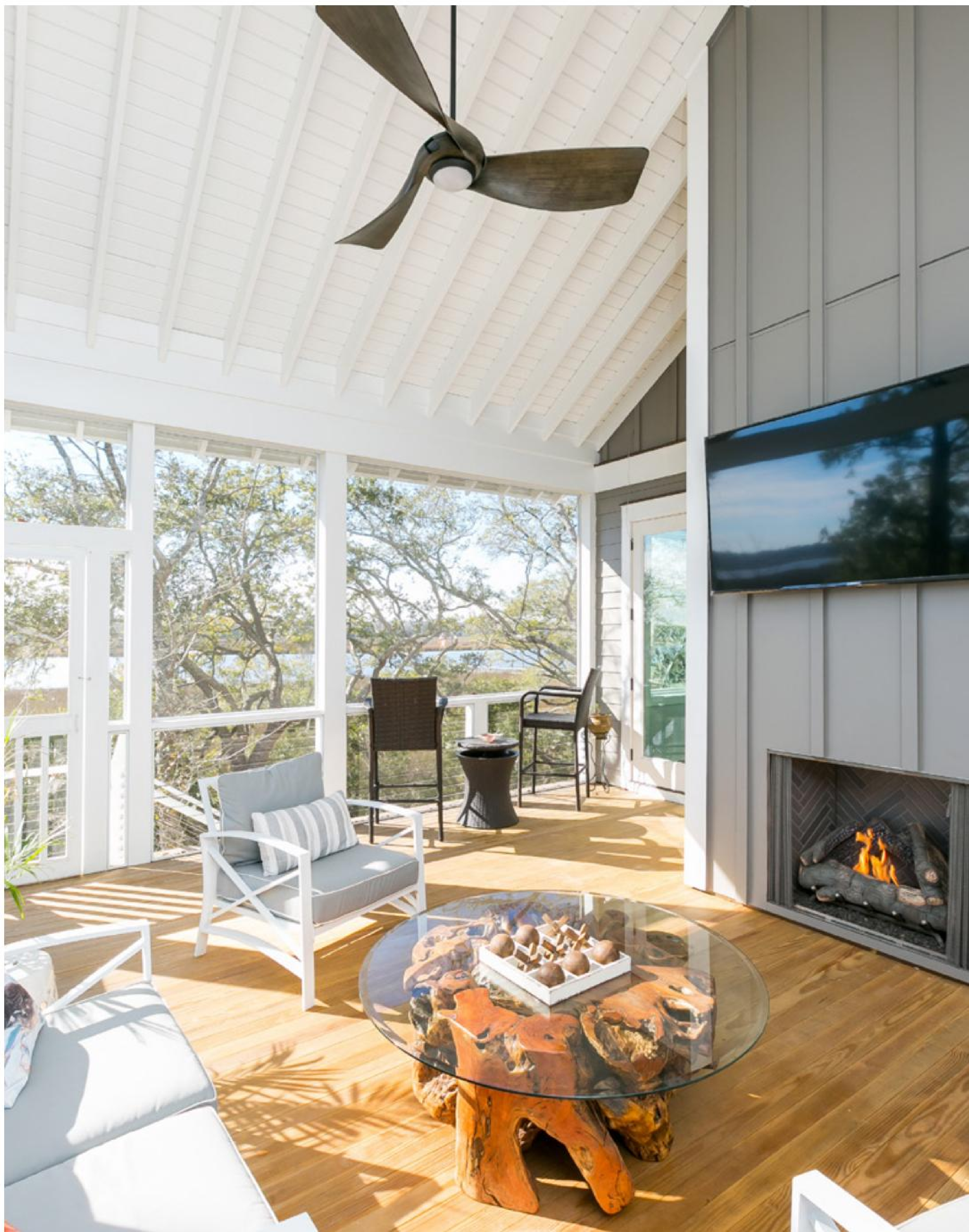
(below) Blending natural textures with modern comforts, this space embodies the concept of indoor-outdoor living perfectly.



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(above and below) The thoughtful use of natural light throughout the home is amplified by large windows for spaces that feel comfortable, and truly like home.

INTERIOR DESIGNER:

Leila Muller

POPPY + SHAE DESIGN CO.

What makes this project unique?

This project was almost entirely designed virtually, with the client granting me full creative autonomy. The homeowner and her son never set foot in their new home until the renovation was complete. That absence made the reveal all the more special. It was a rare opportunity in life to be truly surprised. Transforming a home into a joyful, unexpected gift leaves a lasting impression and forges a deep emotional connection between the client and their space.

What was your favorite space?

My favorite space in this home is the primary bathroom, which carries the coastal glam vibe with light-toned cabinetry and striking light fixtures. The large-scale checkered floors steal the show, their mix of matte and glossy finishes adds a romantic, visually striking touch that flows into the walk-in closet.

How did you ensure a sense of cohesion?

The client arrived with three cherished fabric swatches from her previous home, setting the tone for the design. I layered in a coastal sensibility, a "Serena & Lily meets Restoration Hardware" aesthetic I often embrace when given full creative freedom. To create cohesion, I wove shades of green into each room.

What is your design philosophy?

My goal is to transform the often-stressful process of renovation into one that feels joyful and inspiring. My design style is best described as "comfy coastal glam." In most of my projects, including this one, clients place their trust in my vision, giving me complete autonomy to shape their space. Rooted deeply in my faith, I see my work as more than just design; it's an opportunity to be a blessing to those I serve.

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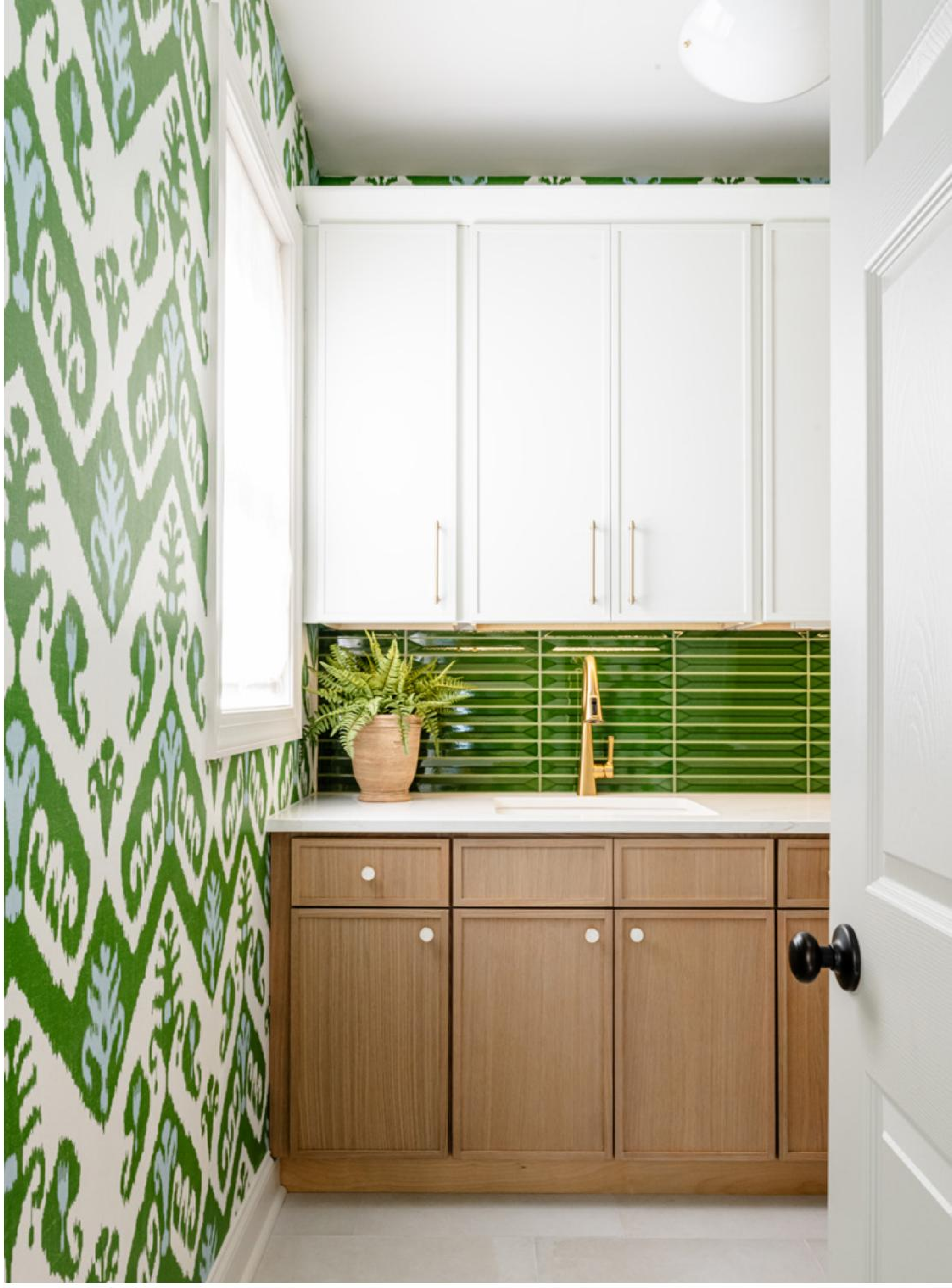
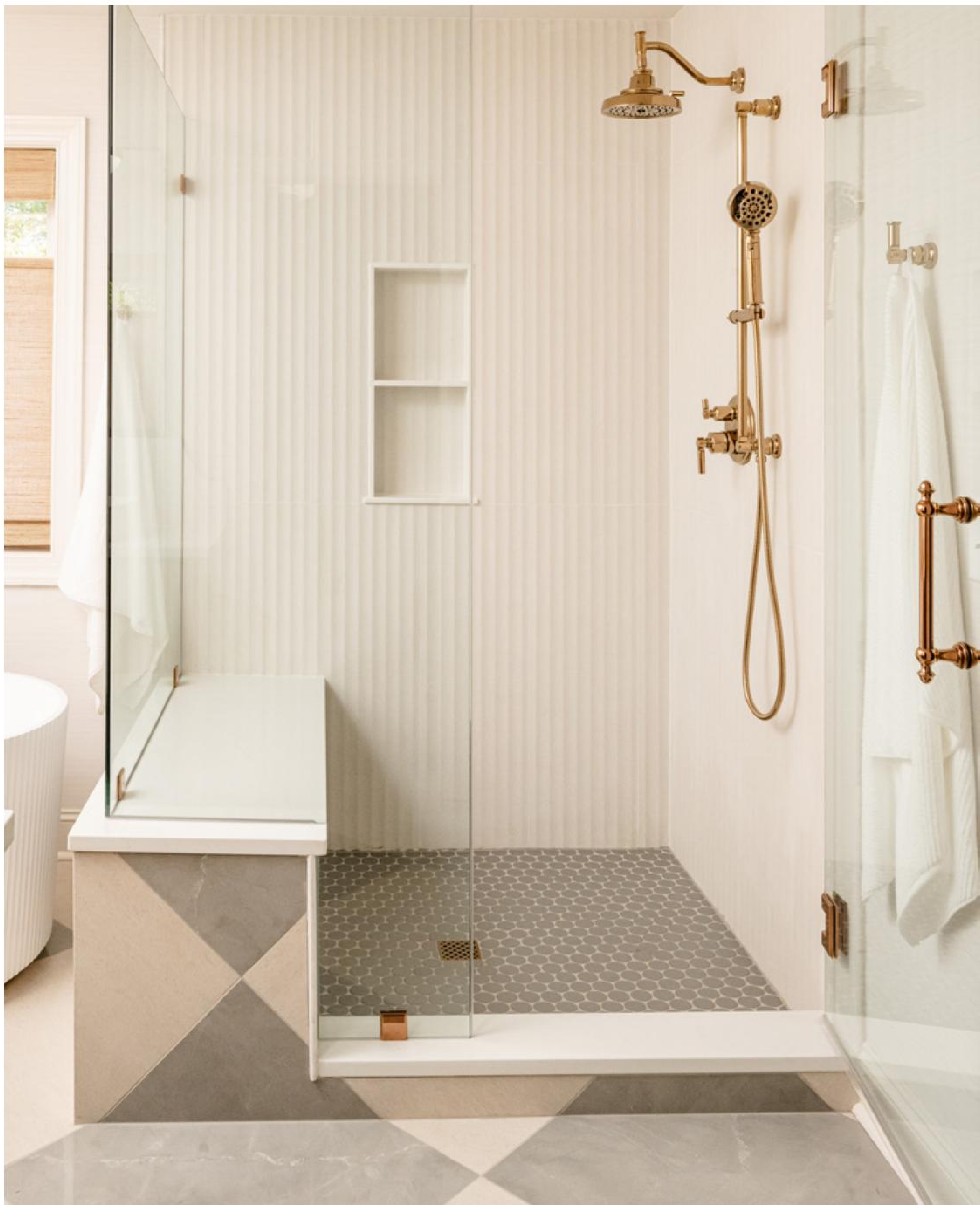


(below) Leila selected oversized tile to create a checkered look to balance the scale of the expansive room.



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(above left) The laundry room proves the space can be playful, with green tile adds a fresh contrast to the bold, patterned wallpaper.

(below) Each space awash in coastal greens, layered over warm wood tones creates harmony among the open floor plan.

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(1) The *Charleston Home + Design* team at the summer launch party hosted by Charleston Cosmos Granite & Marble. ***(2)*** A sneak peek at the textiles at the Provenance Lee Textile Show. ***(3)*** This kitchen, honored with the KraftMaid Kitchen Award, features stunning cabinetry by Charleston Cabinets, Inc.

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Charleston Cosmos Granite & Marble Hosts Summer Launch Party

Charleston Cosmos Granite & Marble set the stage for an unforgettable evening celebrating our advertisers, readers, and local design lovers. In their expansive warehouse, surrounded by breathtaking stone slabs, guests mingled over cocktails and enjoyed gourmet bites from Hamby Catering. With warm hospitality and a live DJ set from Cosmos owner Ronak, the night was equal parts style, energy, and community.

For more information, call Charleston Cosmos Granite & Marble at (843) 552-7910 or visit cosmossurfaces.com.

Provenance Lee Textile Show: An Evening in Marrakech

On October 30, 2025, Provenance Lee is showcasing a unique collection that blends fashion history with global inspiration at the Nathaniel Russell House. The lineup includes the exclusive launch of the Marrakech Textile Collection and vintage 1950s designs from a Manhattan fashion icon. An intimate garden fashion show in partnership with Baxter Mill Archive, sets the stage for the collection, influenced by ancient, global textiles from mill archives.

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For more information, call REMARK Landscape Architecture at (843) 952-7817 or visit remarkstudiollc.com.

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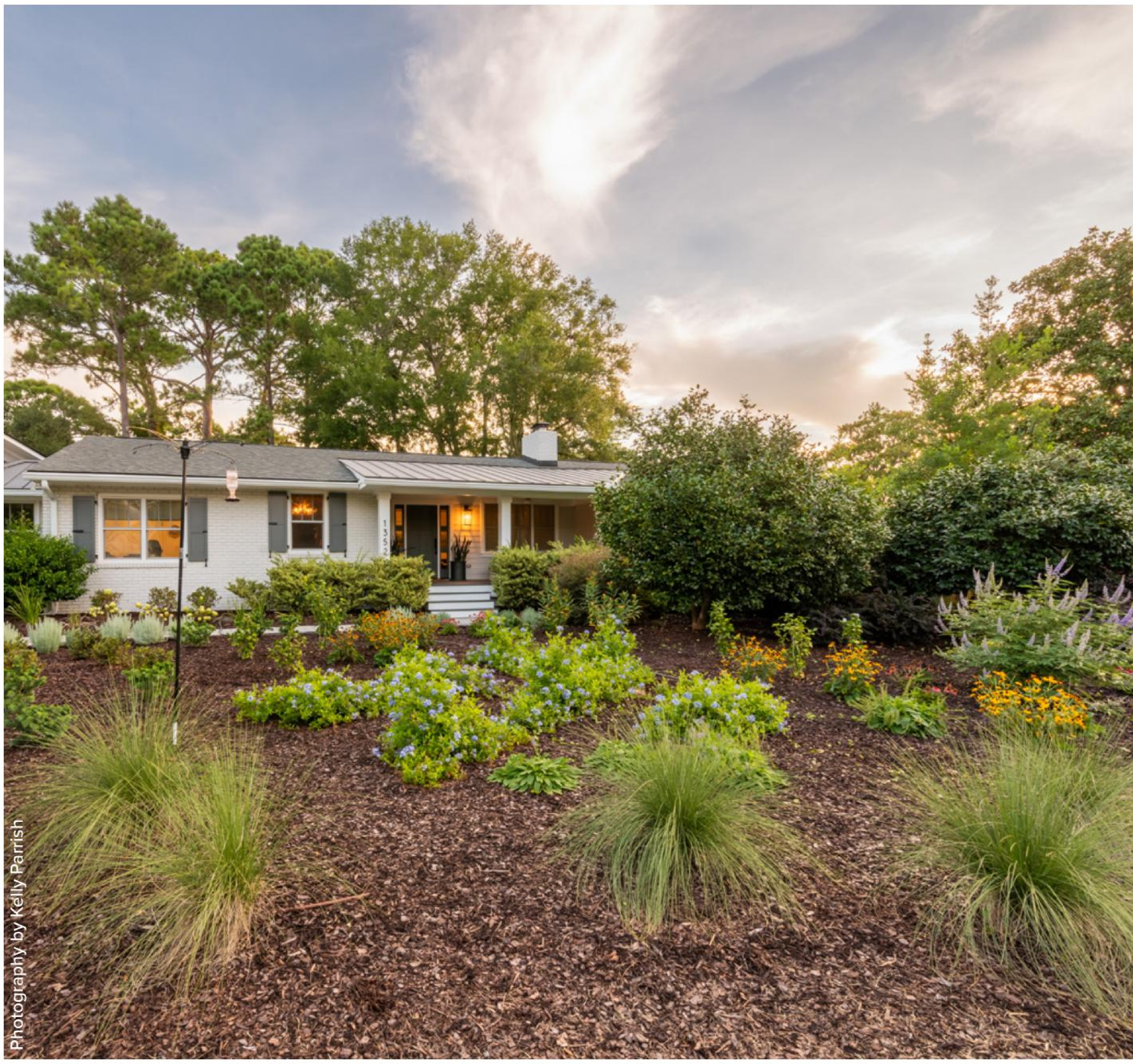
Pollinator Paradise

Setting out to transform their front yard into a pollinator paradise, the homeowner hired Tidal Creek Designs to replace their traditional lawn with native plants and pollinator-attracting blooms. A new walkway connects the front porch to the driveway and to additional parking. The backyard features a dedicated garden space, a generous lawn for the dog, a shed, and a fire pit. Blueberries and citrus trees were added to the planting beds along with rain barrels to provide eco-friendly irrigation.

For more information, call Tidal Creek Designs at (843) 864-3509 or visit tidalcreekdesigns.com.



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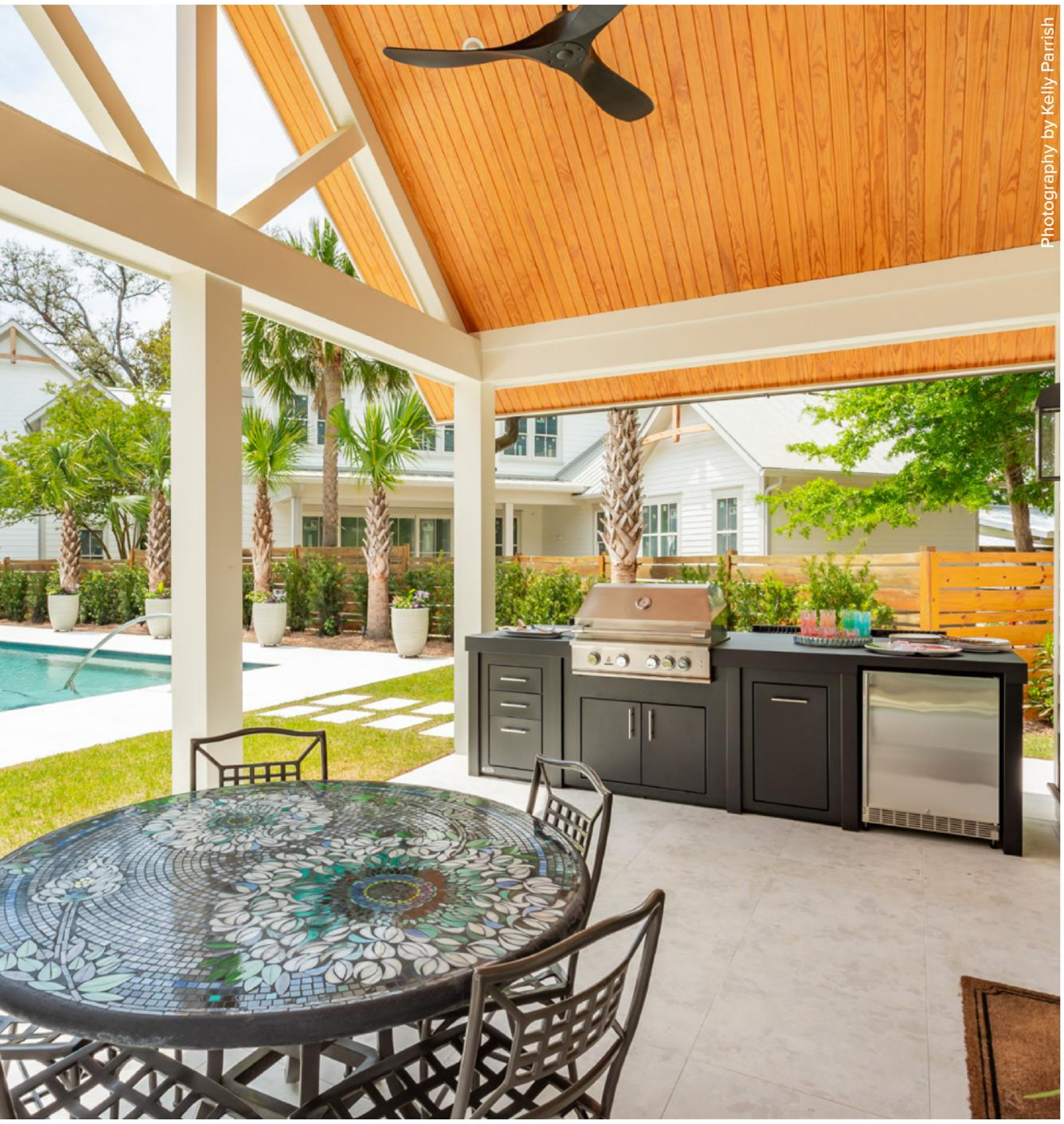

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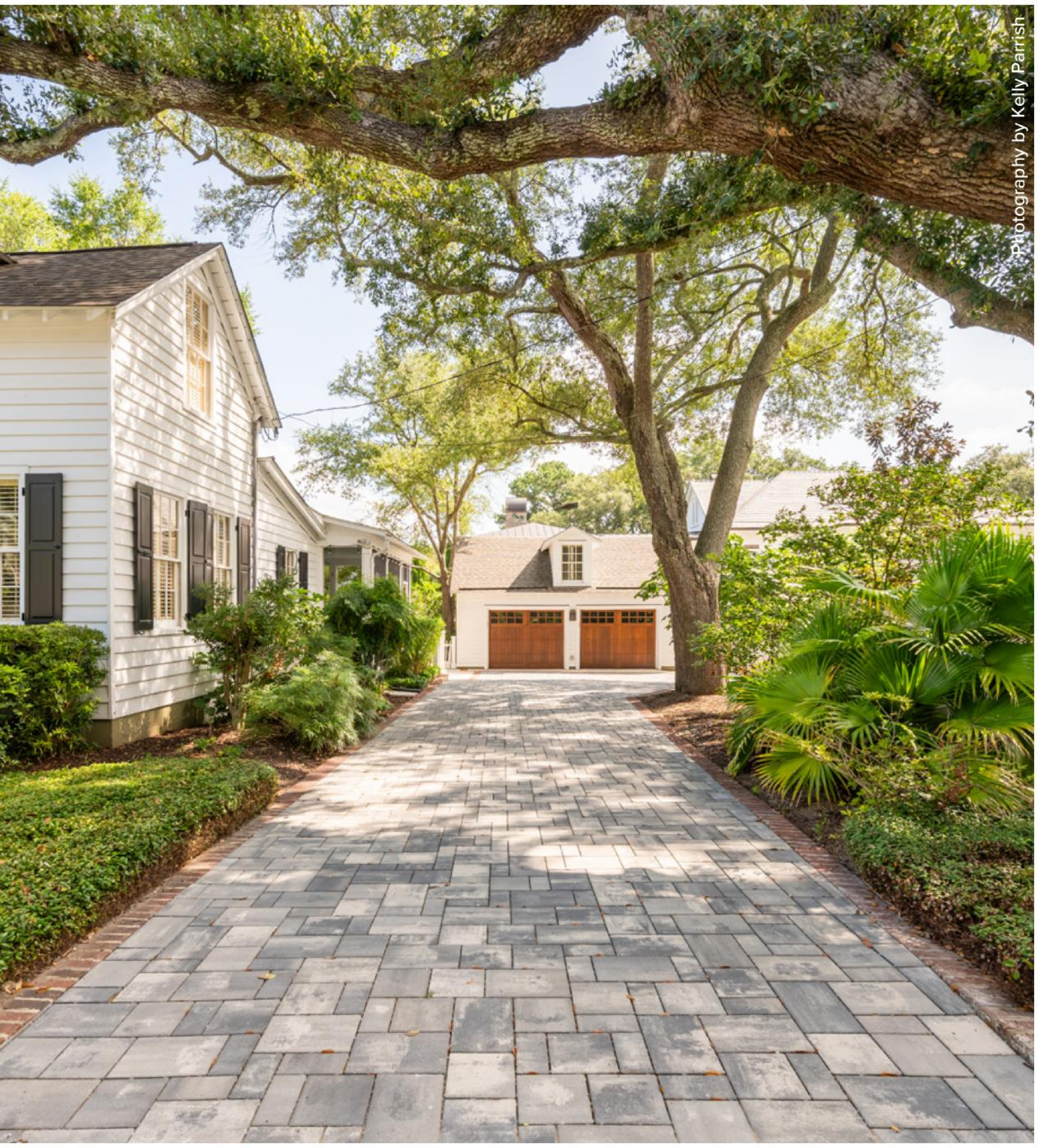
Entertain Outdoors

This homeowner can bring their culinary skills outside with a streamlined modular kitchen designed for both function and flair. Outfitted with a built-in grill, stainless steel refrigerator, and ample storage, this setup keeps everything within reach, eliminating the need to go between indoor and outdoor spaces. The island offers generous prep space and additional storage, creating an effortless hub for entertainment.

For more information, call Stono Outdoor Living Co. at (877) 800-6238 or visit stonooutdoor.com.



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Driveway Dreams

Often overlooked, this driveway takes center stage thanks to the vision of these landscape and hardscape experts. Interlocking pavers, arranged in varied shapes and an irregular yet harmonious pattern, create a surface that is both visually striking and stable. Beyond enhancing durability and preventing the pavers from shifting, this thoughtful design elevates the home's curb appeal, turning a typically mundane area of the yard into a sophisticated outdoor statement.

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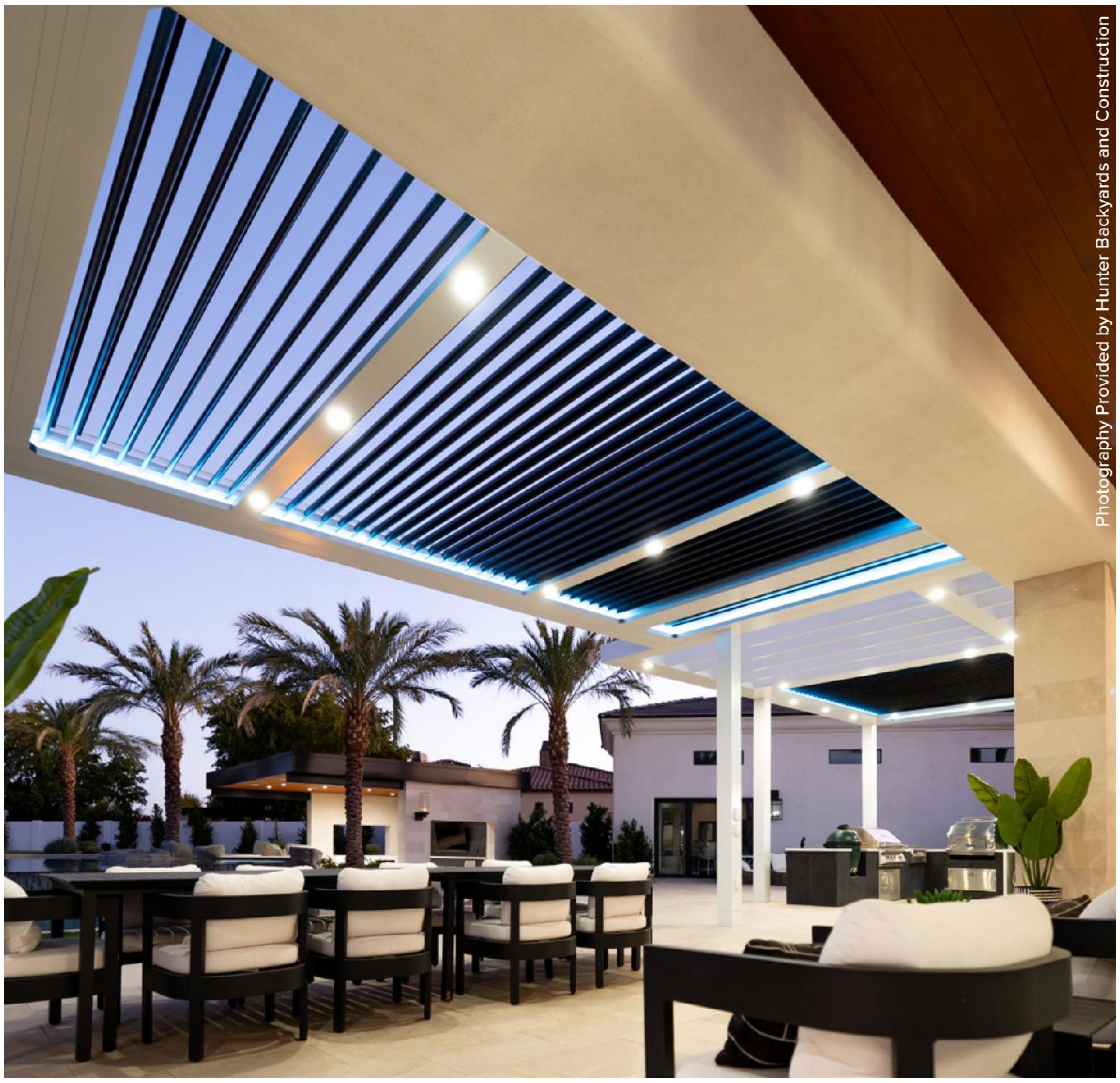

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Backyard Benefits

These homeowners envisioned their backyard as an island-inspired escape, and a team of local landscape professionals brought that dream to life with their design and installation. Privacy was a top priority, along with creating a safe, stylish space for the family's dogs to explore freely. Lush plantings evoke a tropical vibe, while strategically placed lighting extends the ambiance well into the night. Among the additions of plants, an irrigation system was installed.

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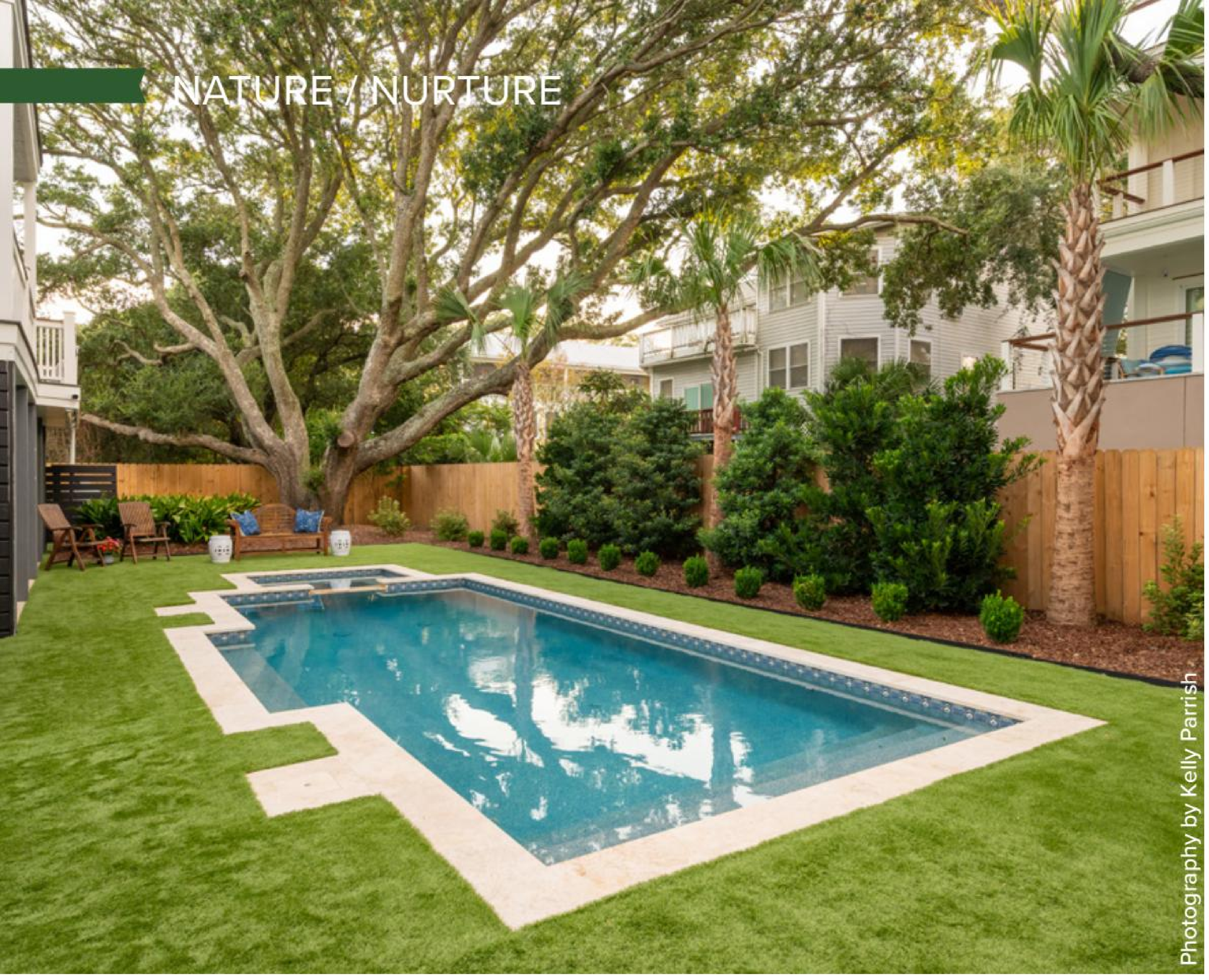

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Beachside Paradise

On Isle of Palms, this stunning garden transformation creates a true beachside paradise. At its heart, an inviting pool anchors the design, complemented by an outdoor kitchen and intimate seating areas ideal for gatherings. Artificial turf weaves seamlessly among live oaks, privacy hedging, and swaying palms, offering a lush yet low-maintenance landscape. Simply unwind and enjoy the coastal setting.

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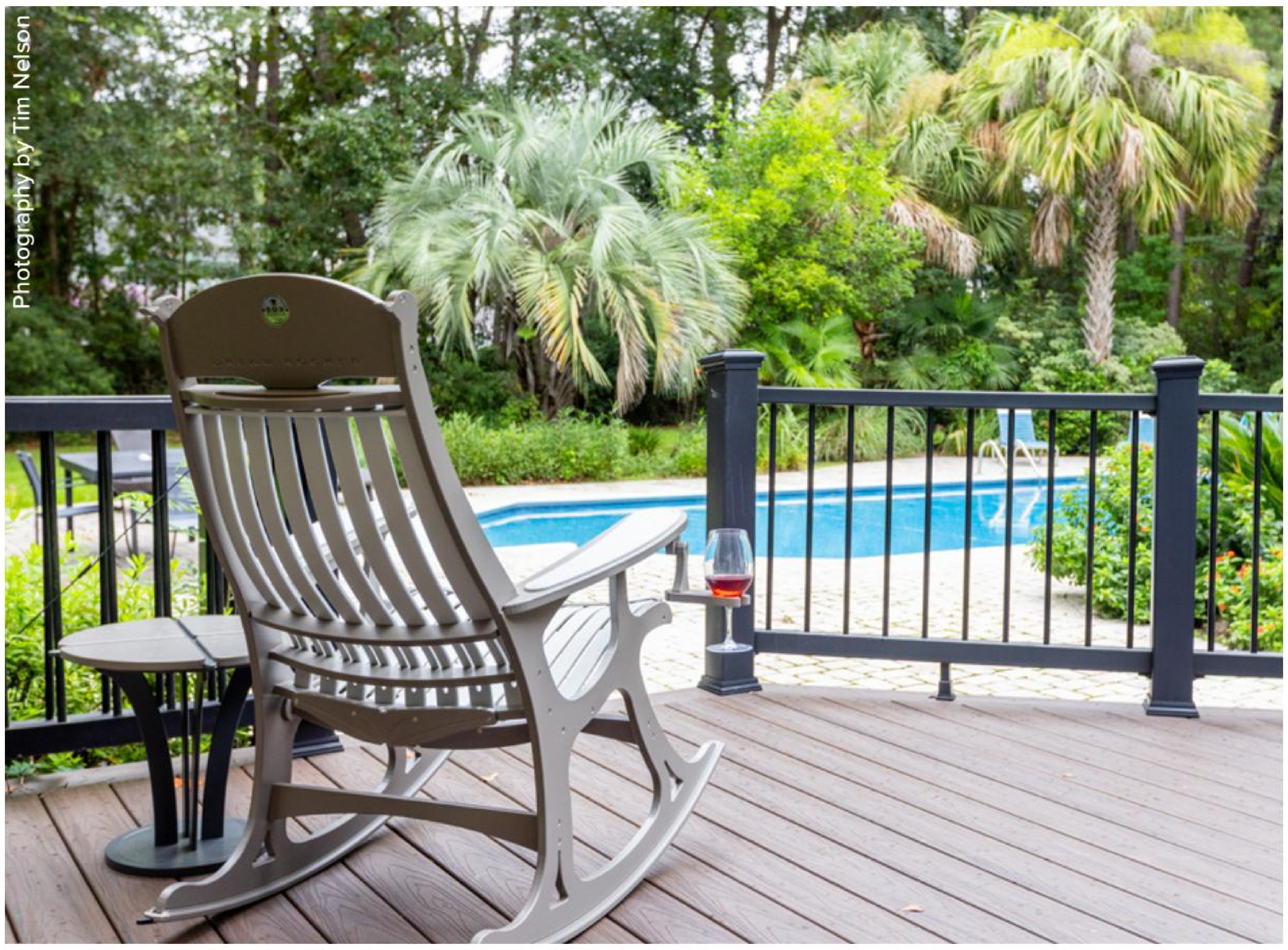

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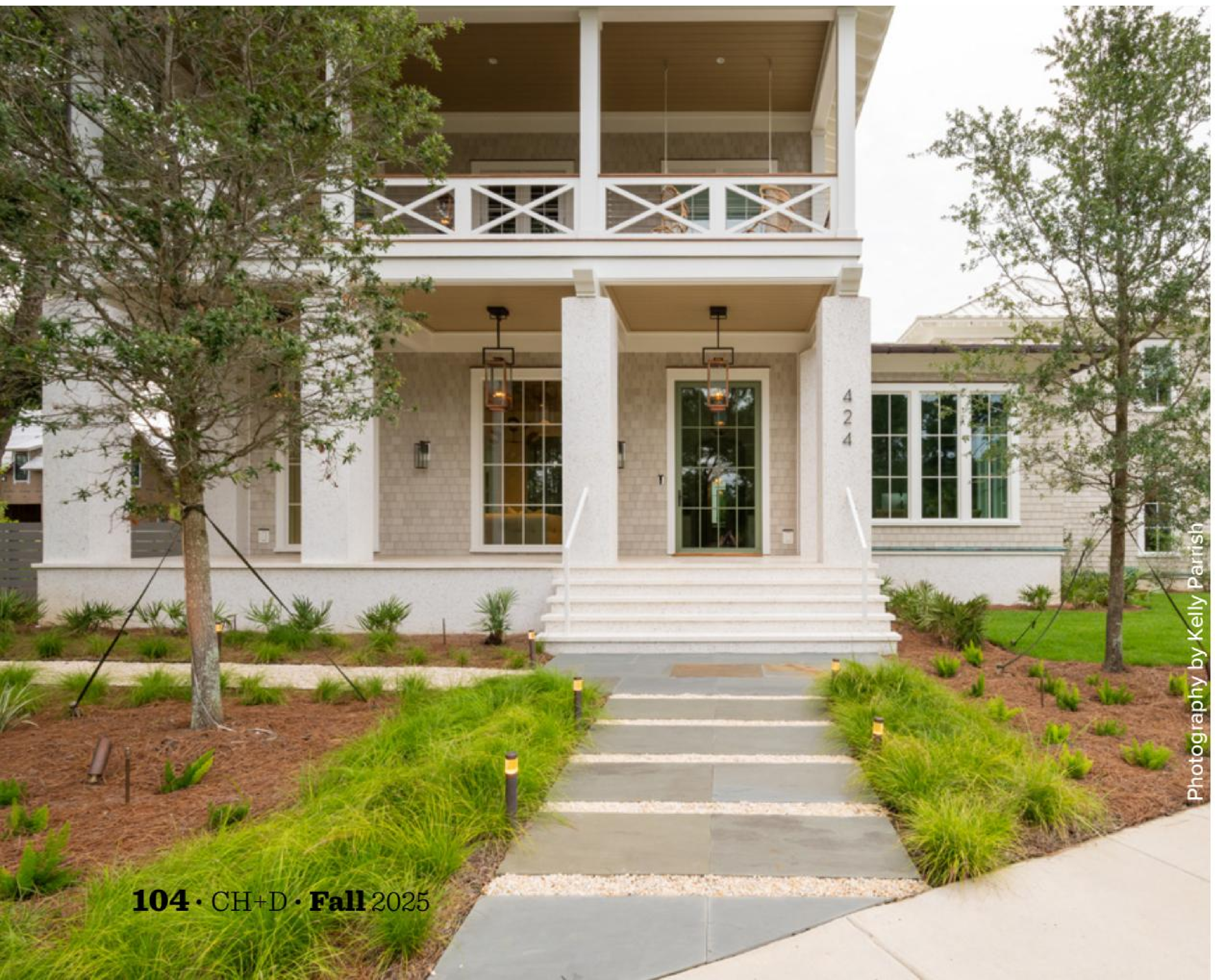

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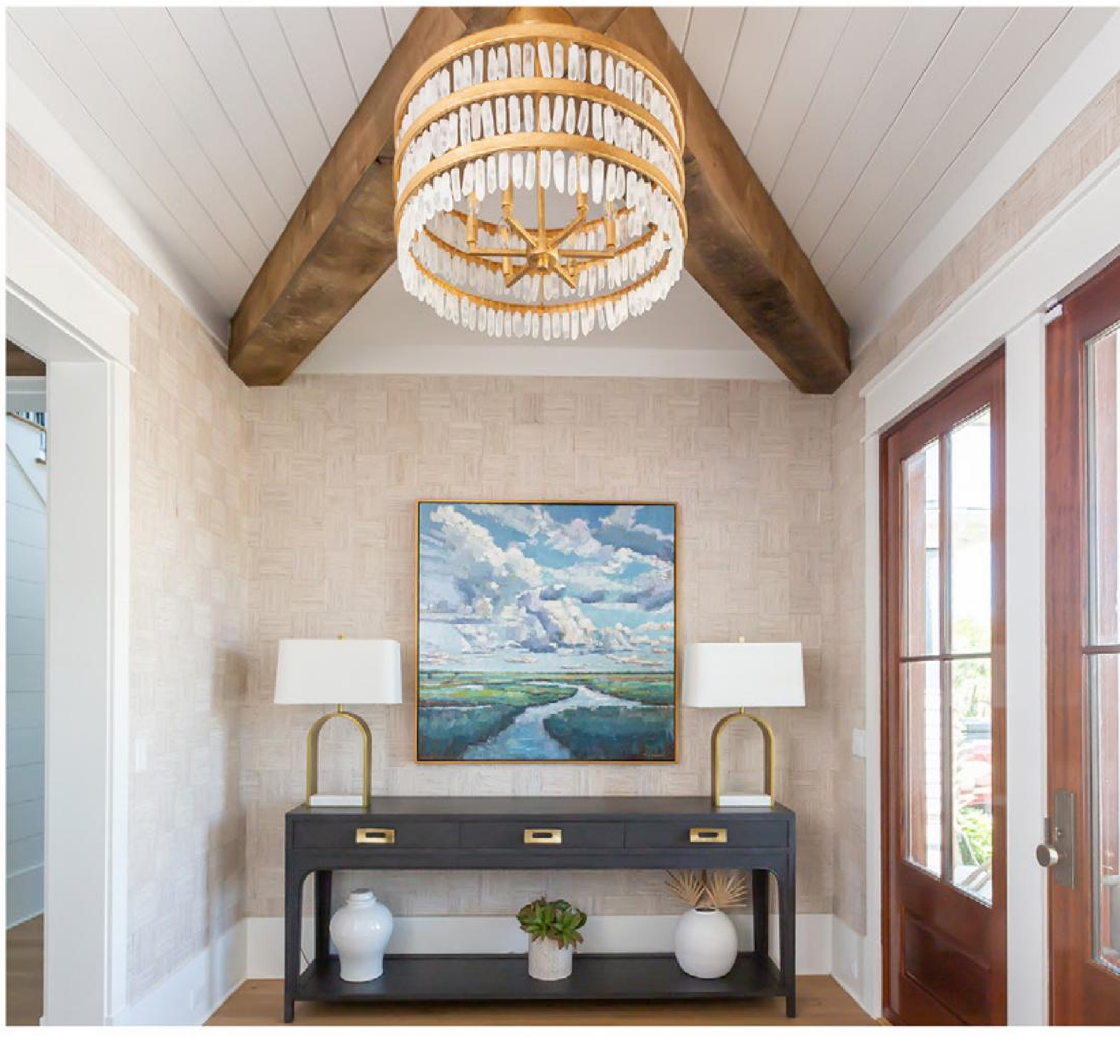

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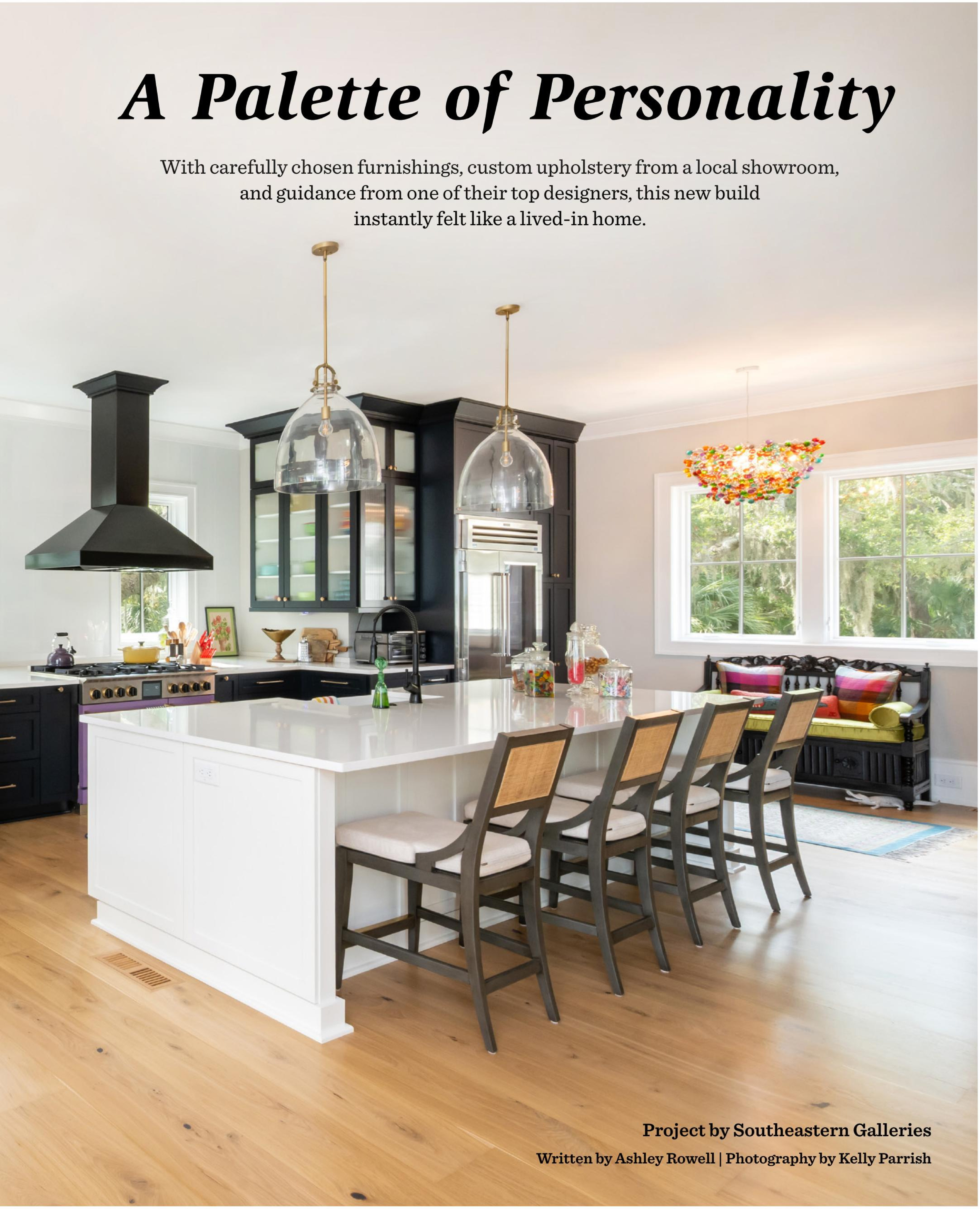

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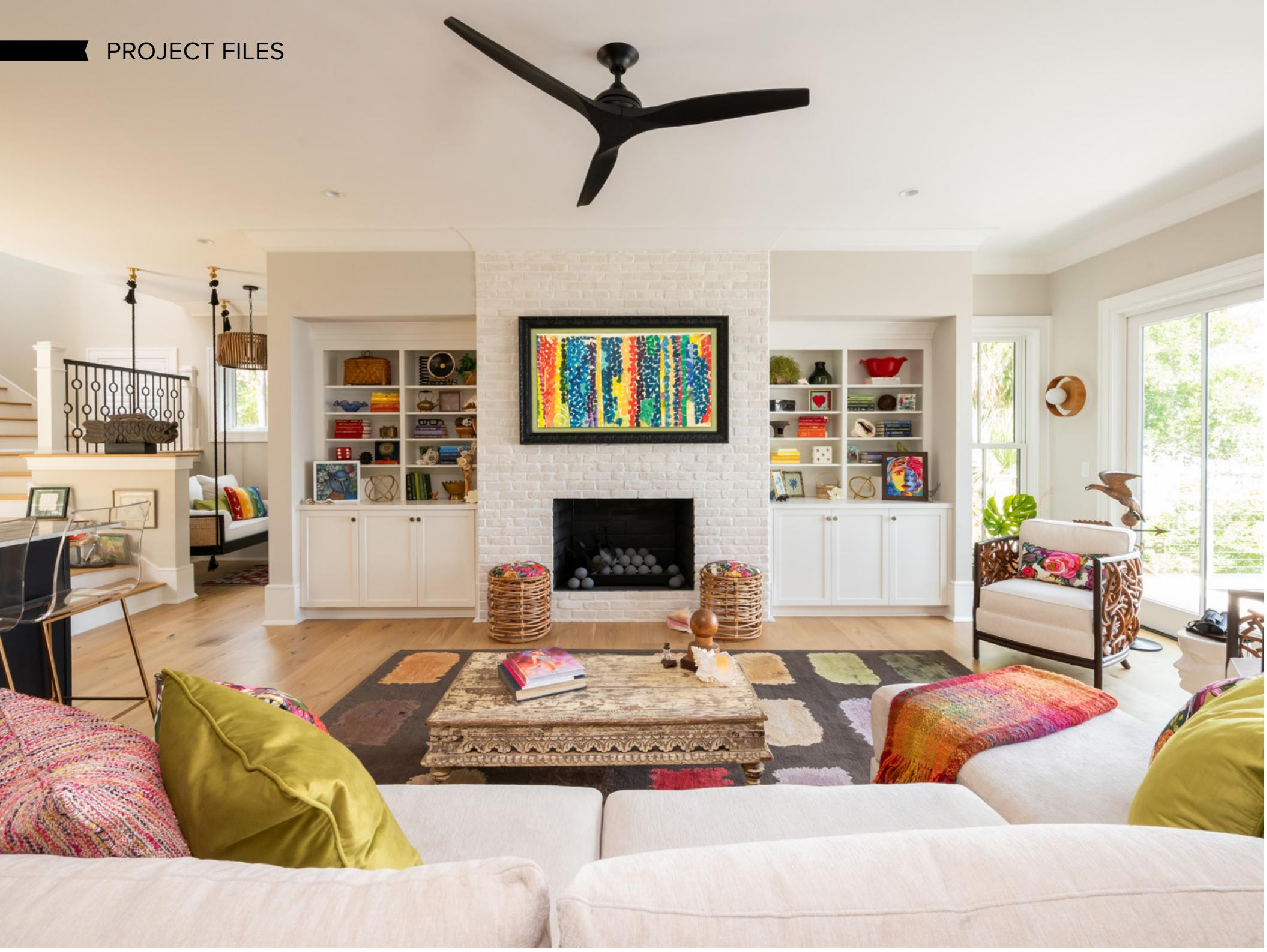


The original home, built in 1980, was demolished upon purchase in 2020. The homeowners chose to start fresh with a new build. Allison, the homeowner, was no stranger to interior design. She had designed her family's previous homes in both Kiawah and Philadelphia, carrying with her meaningful pieces that told the story of her life. Her entryway features treasured pieces, from a mirror gifted by her children's preschool to a hand-carved Indonesian table from her mother.

While searching online for a specific piece of furniture, Allison stumbled across the Southeastern Galleries website, and instantly felt drawn to designer Melissa Moore. "She was unique, and I'm a unique, colorful person. That's exactly how I wanted my home to feel," says Allison.

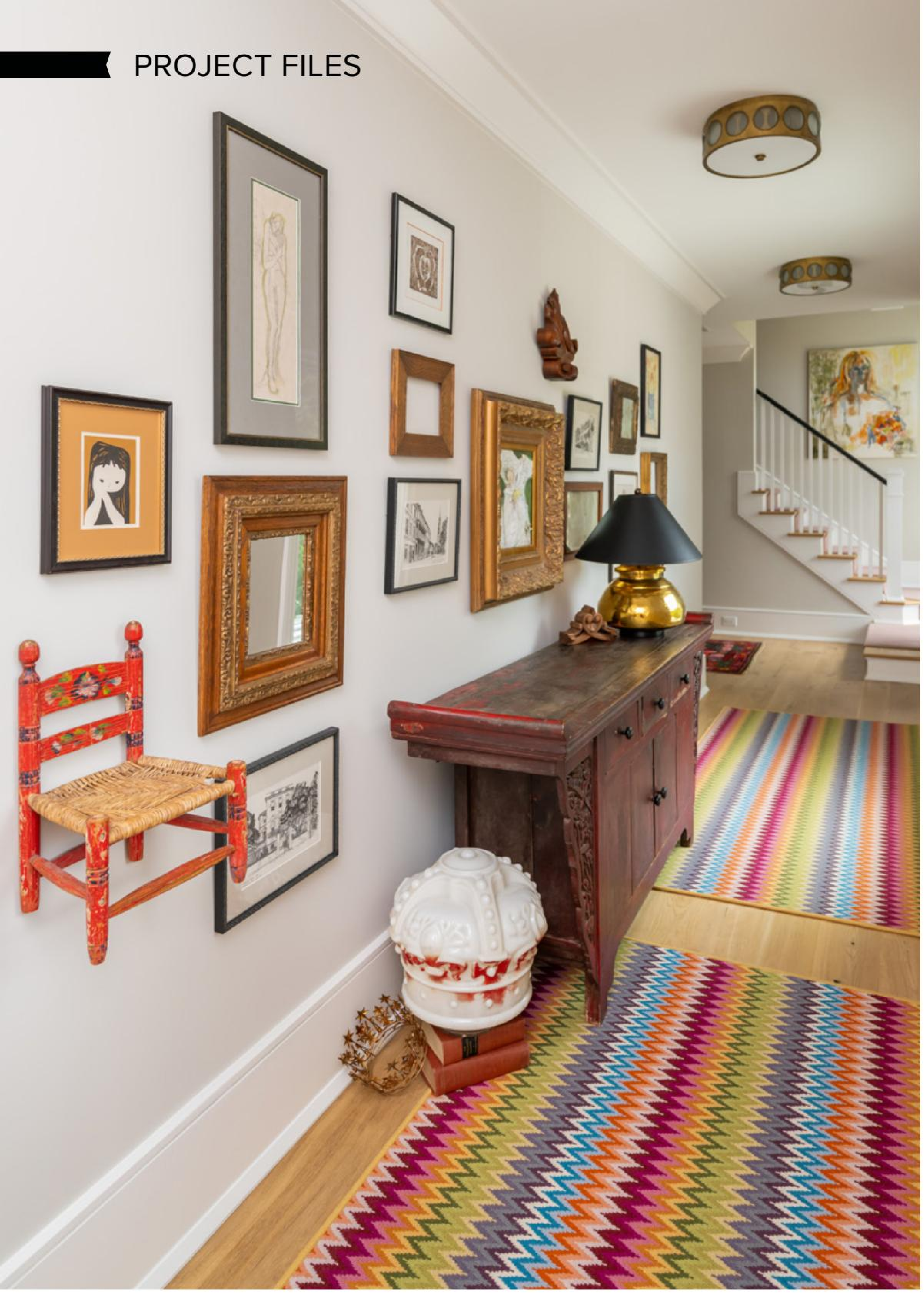
Allison walked into the showroom with her design plans in hand. From the moment the two met, there was a creative spark. What started as a search for chairs, replacements for a beloved setup from her previous home, soon blossomed into a full-scale collaboration. Allison explains, "I had a strong vision and a lot of existing pieces. But I needed help with fabrics, window treatments, and layering everything together." Melissa Moore, like her fellow design consultants at Southeastern Galleries, brought a deep understanding of the showroom's extensive collection of prestigious brands. Many of the furnishings and fabrics woven throughout this home's existing furnishings were thoughtfully sourced from these trusted lines.

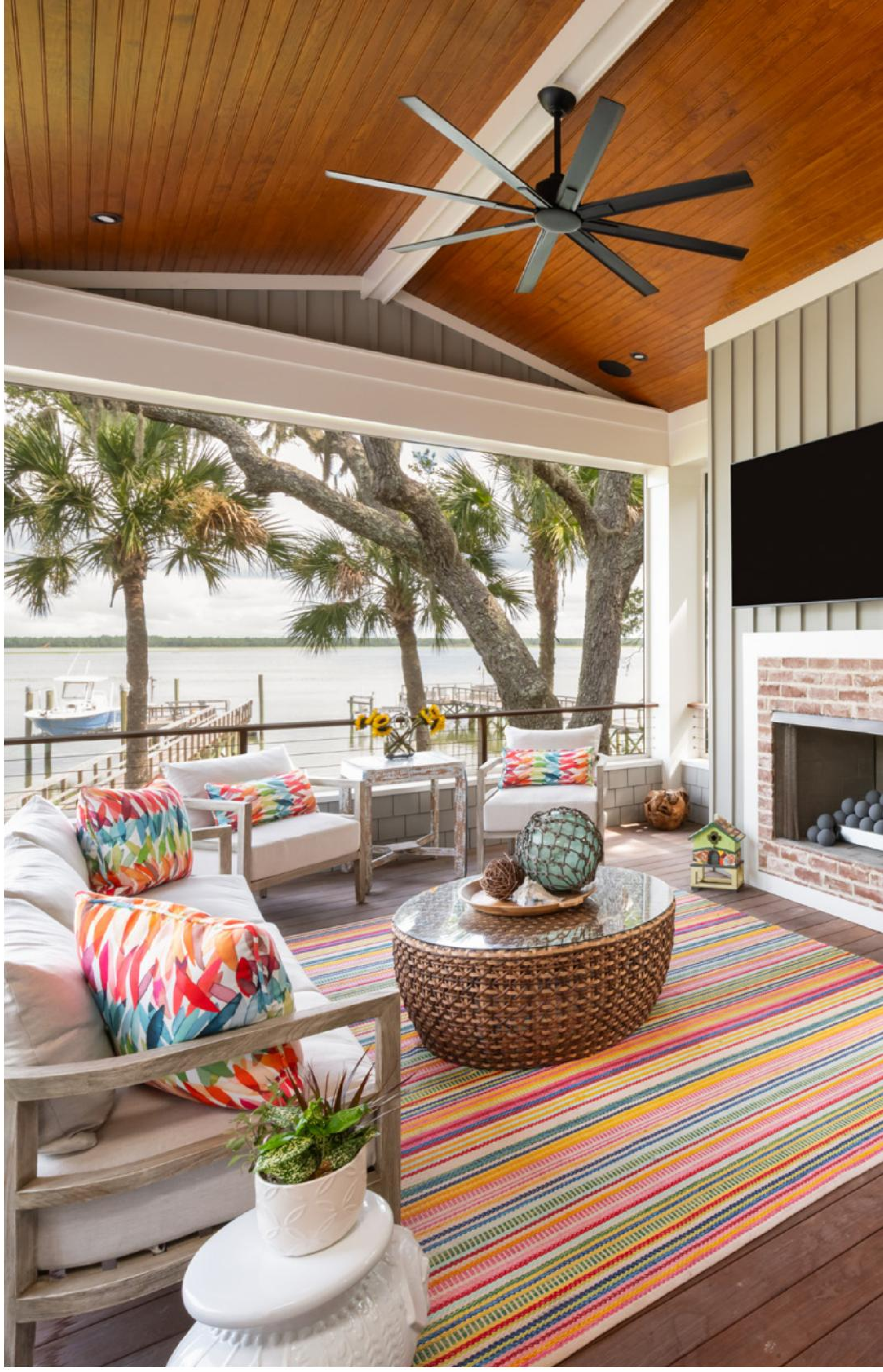
The kitchen and dining areas effortlessly blend comfort and sophistication. At the breakfast nook, Sherrill ottomans invite casual gatherings, while sleek Woodbridge counter stools provide style at the island. The dining room is anchored by Palacek chairs and a curated mix of textiles from S. Harris, Vervain, Hickory White, and Lillian August, creating a layered, polished look.

Continuing into the family room, the elevated sophistication of the home carries through in every hue and texture. Gabby barstools line the custom bar, inviting conversation, while plush Palacek chairs, originally intended for the bedroom but relocated for their striking beauty, offer comfort and style. A rug by Due Process adds texture, complementing a curated palette of fabrics from S. Harris, Vervain, Hickory White, and Lillian August. The bookshelves, styled by the homeowner with color-themed selections, reflect her playful creativity and love of color. "The living space was imagined and assembled around the

Live Life in Color

A curated mix of fabrics, from S. Harris, Vervain, Hickory White, and Lillian August, layers texture and color throughout the living space.





(above left) Layered rugs and Prestige Mills stair runners guide the eye through the home, adding texture, warmth to the hallway.
(above right) The screened porch features Summer Classics furniture, Stroheim fabrics, and a coordinating rug.

Melissa Moore of Southeastern Galleries

Vervain fabric from the sofa," Allison explains, underscoring the thoughtful cohesion of the design.

The bedrooms throughout the home showcase a seamless blend of classic elegance and playful accents. The Somerset Bay beds anchor two bedrooms, paired with thoughtfully chosen rugs from Fibreworks and Design Materials, while fabrics from Thibaut and carefully curated pillows including Eastern Accents and Lexington add texture and personality. In her daughter's bedroom, Stroheim-upholstered chairs, Palacek lighting, and a Fibreworks rug create a layered, sophisticated retreat. The hallways and staircases are elevated with Prestige Mills and Radici runners, guiding the eye to the third-floor bedroom, where Lexington furnishings and Eastern Accents bedding complete a very cohesive, inviting atmosphere.

When asked how she works so seamlessly with the homeowner, Melissa explains, "I like to think of myself as a design psychologist. I don't stick to one style, I create spaces that reflect my client's personality."

It was important to extend the home's design onto the screened porch without interrupting the view. The screened porch continues the home's relaxed vibe with Summer Classics furniture, Stroheim outdoor fabrics, and a coordinating rug. 'The river is the art,' says Melissa.

As we toured her home, the homeowner shared thoughts about

the loss of her mother. "She always helped me design my homes," she says. "We would try out accessories, move things around, and say, 'hmm... no, maybe it belongs over there." Allison pauses, then smiles. "Without her, the process felt more overwhelming. But when I met Melissa, I knew I had found someone else I could tinker with." More than a furniture showroom, Southeastern Galleries' in-house designers like Melissa transform interior design into a truly memorable experience. ✴

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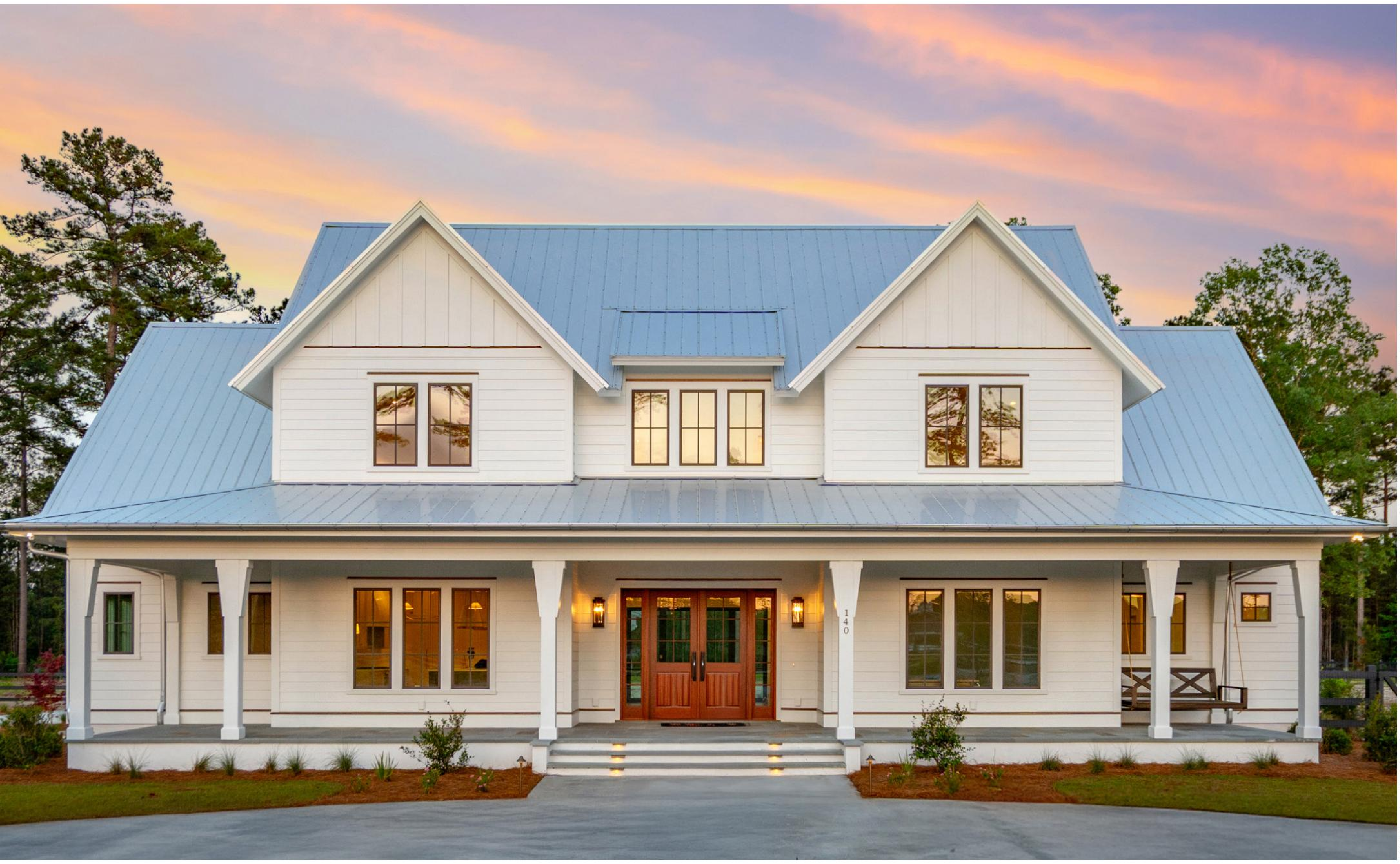


Written by Ashley Rowell | Photography by Keen Eye Marketing | Portrait by Ruta Smith

With ten wide-open acres in the Lowcountry, the possibilities felt endless for its owners. Tucked inside an equestrian neighborhood in Ravenel, the land quickly became the perfect spot for their dream home. The homeowners had just one request: every detail must be centered around family.

Through kismet, the homeowners were introduced to JacksonBuilt Custom Homes. When they arrived at their first meeting, they brought along a set of plans they had discovered online, something that captured the general feel they were after. “We saw the potential, but it needed to be reimagined so the spaces would flow and function properly,” says Richard Jackson of JacksonBuilt Custom Homes. To bring that vision to life, the team partnered with John Romano of Drafted Architecture, who thoughtfully crafted a new design that struck the perfect balance between beauty and livability.

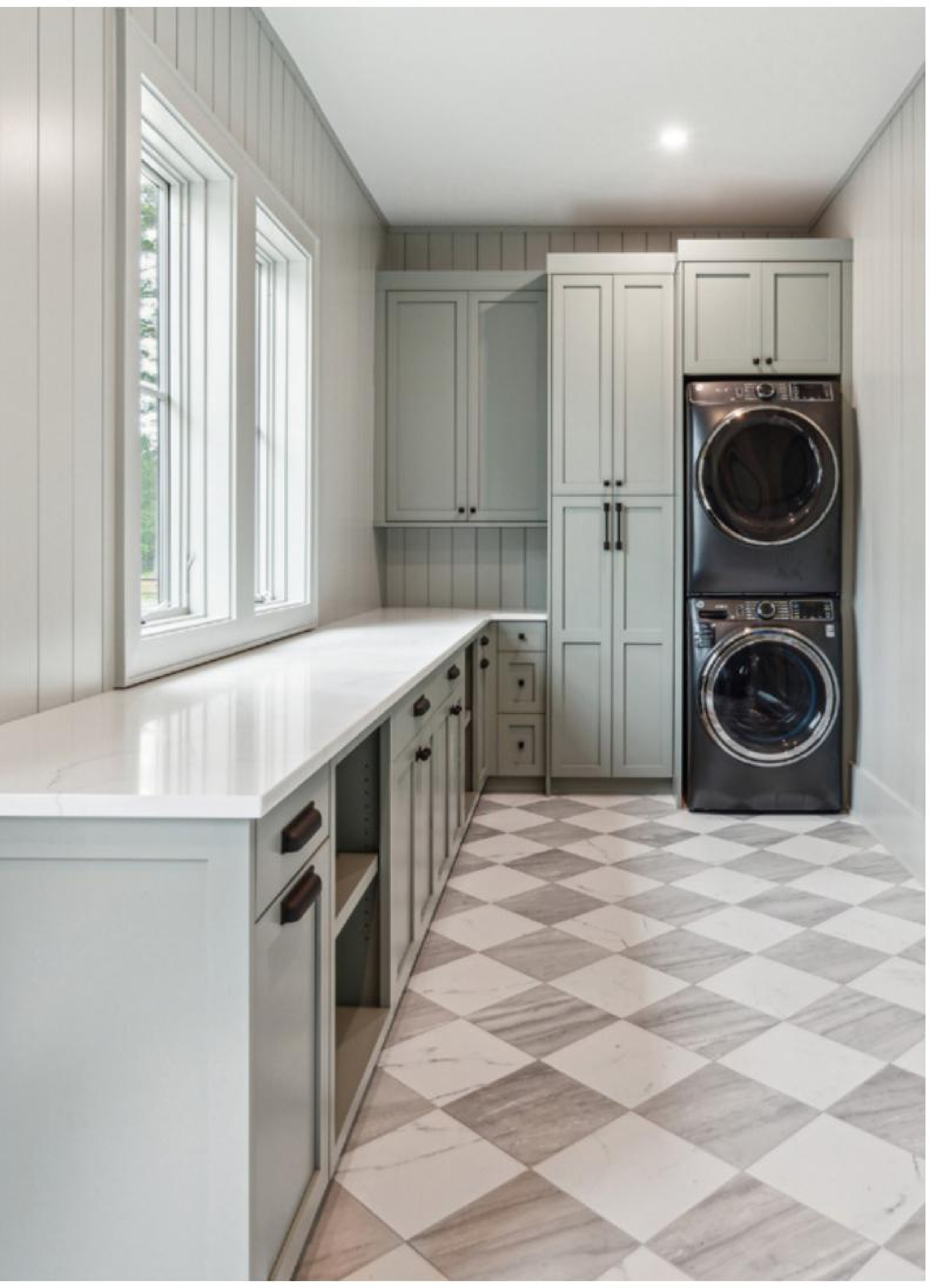
With the plans finalized, JacksonBuilt’s in-house designer, Mary-Margaret Glass, began envisioning each space. “Our guiding principle was to blend as many materials as possible that evoke a sense of history with new construction,” Mary-Margaret explains. The result is a richly layered home, where every detail was thoughtfully considered to create warmth, character, and a timeless sense of charm.

These clients were relocating from Florida to be closer to their children and their grandchildren, so it’s no

Project Manager Greg Brindise, Designer Mary-Margaret Glass and Owner Richard Jackson of JacksonBuilt Custom Homes

Countryside Roots

This custom home blends timeless charm with a thoughtful, family-focused design.

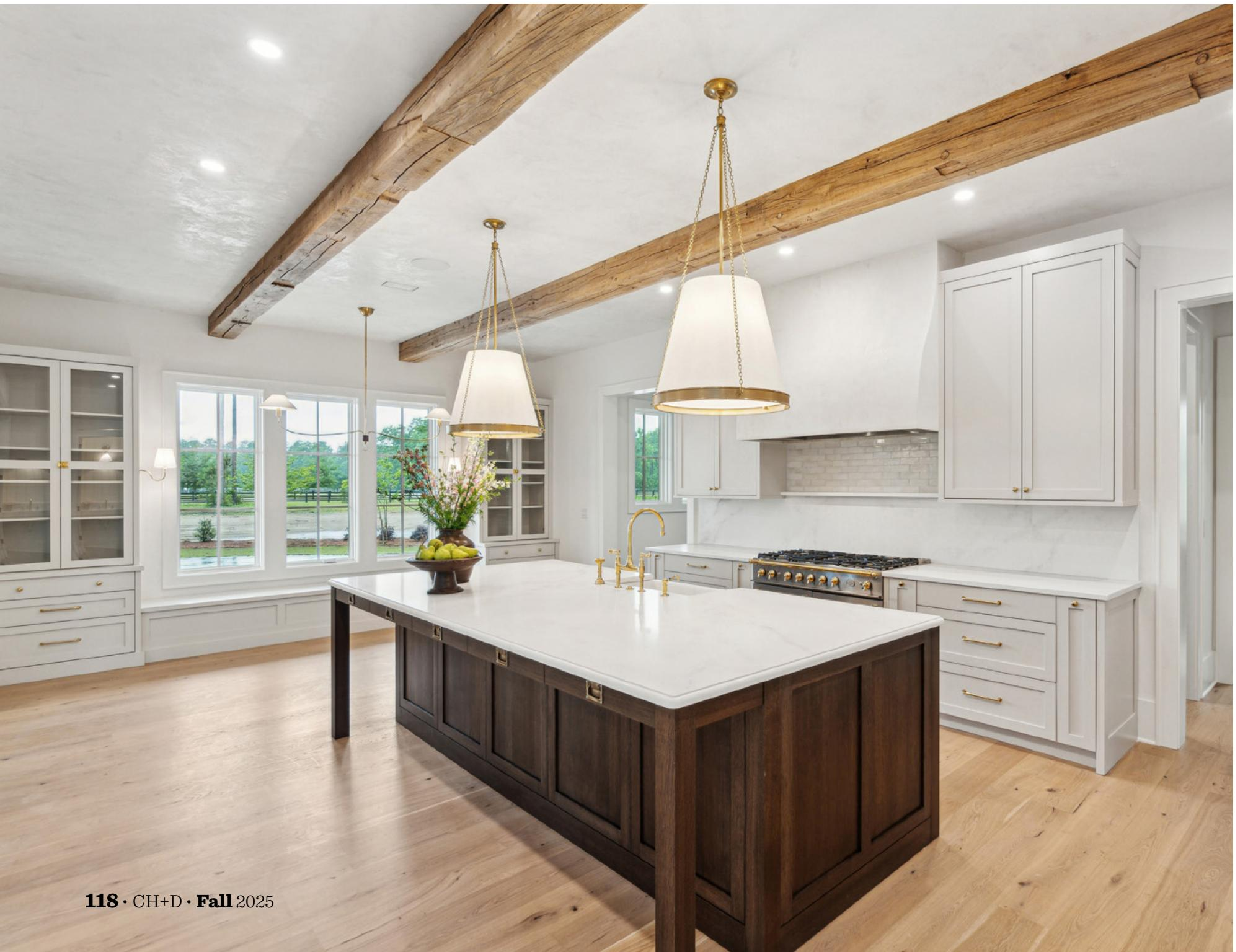


surprise that this home build would be family-centric. "We really love the look of a brighter color scheme, like what you often see in coastal homes," the homeowner shares. But once they considered the natural setting, towering pines and wide-open pastures, the palette shifted. The wife's favorite color duo, blue and green, still found its way inside, showing up in thoughtful moments like the primary suite, where a soft eggshell blue leads into a Venetian plaster bathroom awash in deeper blue tones. Paired with dolomite marble floors and polished nickel fixtures, the effect is subtle yet full of personality. But throughout the home, the palette leans tonal, grounded by muddier undertones that reflect the surrounding landscape.

In this home, the kitchen isn't just a place to cook; it's the heart of the house, designed for gathering, lingering, and sharing meals. To set the tone, artist Emily Pope Harris created custom plasterwork that extends from the range hood to the ceiling, giving the space a soft, hand-finished warmth. Overhead, reclaimed beams sourced from Pennsylvania add a touch of history and rustic character, complementing the elegance of the La Cornue range beautifully. Custom cabinetry by JCH Cabinets, paired with an island topped in quartz from MVP Granite Countertops, offers both function and refinement. Polished fixtures from Ferguson Home and statement lighting from Visual Comfort Co. complete the look.

Just beyond the kitchen lies the scullery, outfitted with blue-hued cabinetry and accented by unlacquered brass plumbing that will patina gracefully over time. A hidden door conceals the pantry, so cleverly tucked

(above left) This mudroom showcases a classic checkered porcelain tile complemented by beautiful earth-toned cabinetry. ***(below left)*** The kitchen boasts Emily Pope Harris' custom plasterwork on the range hood and ceiling, complemented by reclaimed beams from Pennsylvania. ***(below right)*** The scullery features blue-hued cabinetry with brass fixtures set to patina beautifully with age.



away that you might miss it. Thoughtful details extend beyond the main living areas, from the tumbled bluestone pavers in the foyer and powder room to the back porch, where motorized screens frame an outdoor kitchen and fireplace that overlooks a sparkling pool by Blue Haven Pools & Spas.

This marked JacksonBuilt Custom Homes' first project to include a horse stable, an element that brought an entirely new set of considerations to the process. "While we're well-versed in custom home construction, stables have their own intricacies. We had to become fluent in the unique requirements of equestrian spaces, working closely with suppliers and specialists to get every detail right," explains Richard. It's that commitment to learning, adapting, and delivering that truly sets JacksonBuilt Custom Homes apart. ✴

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Coastal Twist

Inside a custom home with traditional structure, coastal whimsy, and retro charm where a local team crafted a highly personal space where every room carries its own unique perspective.

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Although every room in this custom home has its own unique character, it reads as a cohesive whole. Designer Shay Patterson of Riverside Designers began at the architectural planning stage with Vinyet Architects and the builders of Lowcountry Premier Custom Homes. She then guided the project through finish selections, furnishings, fabrics, wallpaper, and installation. The brief called for expressive rooms that reflect the homeowners' art collection and heirloom pieces while honoring a traditional framework. The solution was a disciplined palette, measured repetition of materials, and furniture plans that prioritize function and flow.

Shay describes the home's design intention as layered and livable. Traditional bones anchor the house, while coastal notes, playful patterns, and a hint of retro keep the mood fresh and inviting. Color is purposeful rather than loud, surfacing in unexpected moments that tie spaces together without repetition. Texture carries equal weight. Natural fibers, tailored upholstery, and tactile wallcoverings add depth and warmth.

Performance drove decisions for cabinet construction and durable finishes suited to Lowcountry life. Because Riverside Designers touched every inch, the team could choreograph continuity. In the formal living and dining rooms, refined silhouettes and collected antiques blend seamlessly with crisp millwork and modern lighting. The pool house apartment leans into vintage references with cheerful color and streamlined forms. Custom cabinetry by Wellsford sets the tone for organization and

Grand Entrance

A twist on a classic style, marble tile sets the scene for a striking white oak tread staircase and high-impact millwork.

(above left) A wallpaper mural adds a touch of whimsy to the powder bathroom while exposed brass pipes offer a vintage feel.
(above right) The pool house kitchen features a retro scheme reflective of the Charleston coast.

longevity, while countertops fabricated by MVP Granite Countertops deliver subtle movement and a durable work surface. Melcer Tile introduces scale and texture in bathrooms and utility spaces. Window treatments by Threadhouse temper light and add tailored softness alongside appliances sourced from Ferguson Home.

The greatest challenge was also the guiding opportunity. Multiple styles had to blend in a way that felt intentional and unmistakably personal. Riverside's answer was to establish a throughline of proportion, finish continuity, and rhythm. Repeating a handful of finishes across rooms creates familiarity, while shifting pattern, tone, and silhouette gives each space its own voice. Strategic furniture layouts ensure rooms function effectively during daily routines and can be easily expanded to accommodate entertaining guests.

It was a long arc from concept to completion. Over roughly two and a half years, Riverside partnered closely with the builder and architect to maintain the vision while refining the details that make a house feel complete. Patterson's favorite takeaway is the personality that emerges in every vignette, from the formal front-of-house spaces to the spirited pool house. "I love getting to know my clients, their families, and how they live and entertain. It is rewarding to see their style come through in the selections," she says.

That client-first approach is part of Riverside Designers' DNA. The firm is celebrating fifty years in business this year. Patterson interned with the company in college and has spent over two decades shaping homes that are as individual as the people who live in them. "Every home we design is unique and infused with each client's individual style," Shay shares.✴

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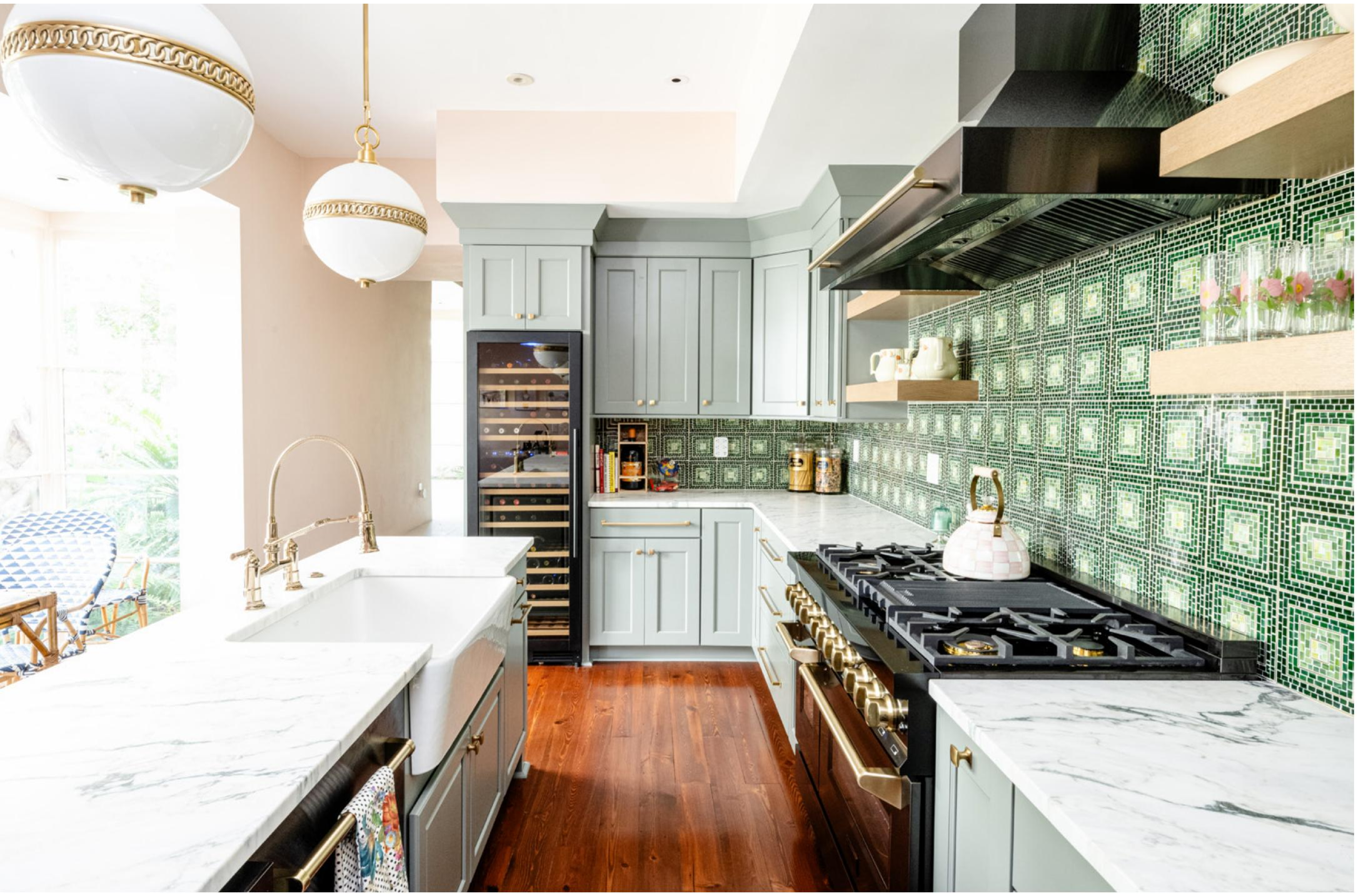
South Battery Revival

This homeowner and designer complete their third historic project together, built on trust and a shared love for restoring old homes with modern sensibility.



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With sweeping views of White Point Gardens and the Charleston Harbor, the historic Robert Murray House stands as a jewel of South Battery. Built in 1802, the estate underwent a transformative renovation in 2024 led by homeowner Kelly Sepcic Pfeil of Carolina Girl Renovations. Charged with breathing new life into the interiors while honoring the home's legacy, Charleston Cabinets, Inc. played a central role in redefining the kitchen and baths with tailored cabinetry and thoughtful design solutions.

Charleston Cabinets, Inc. designer Niki Komorek approached the project with an eye for color, flow, and functionality, no small feat in a historic home with complex structural quirks.

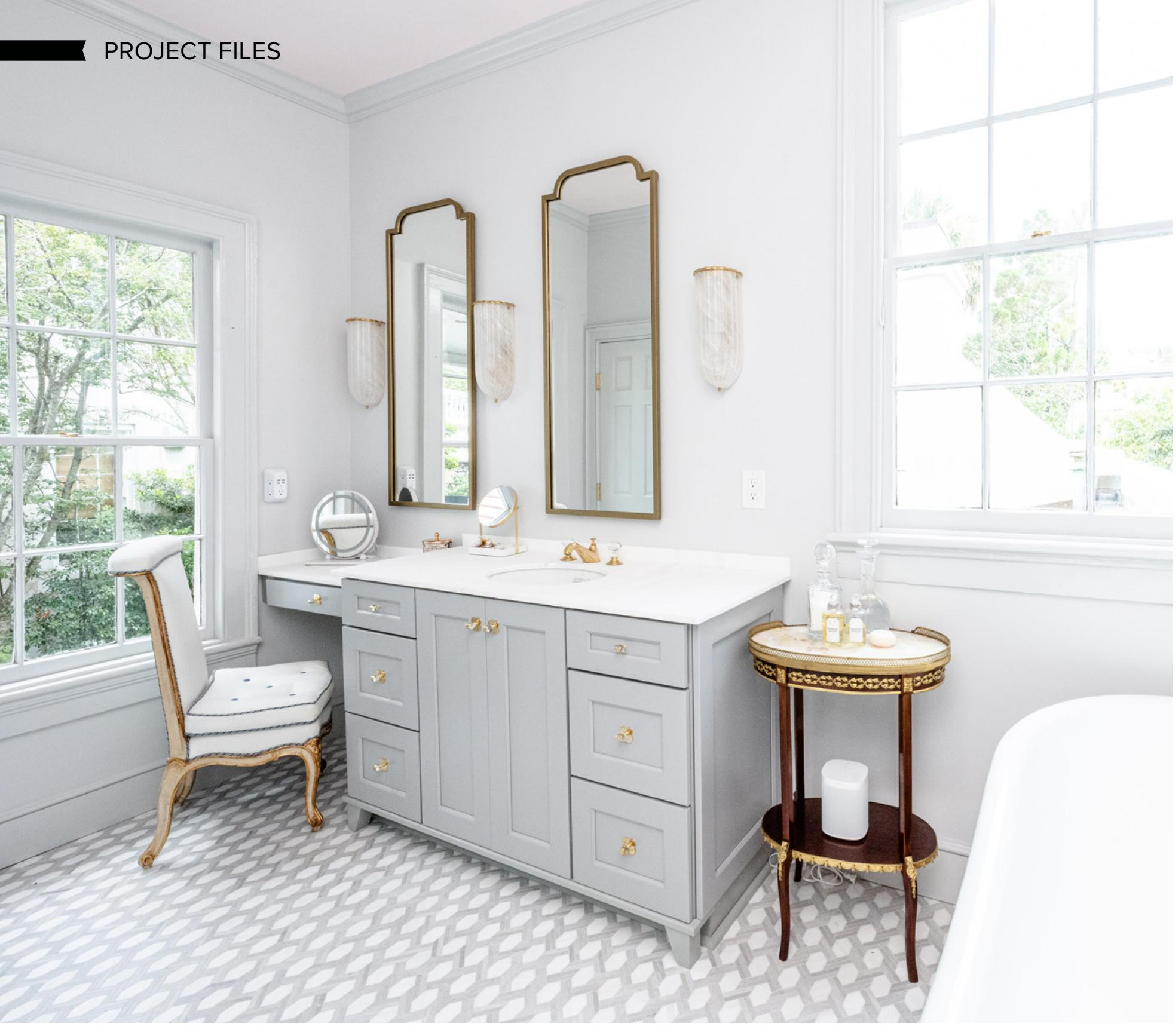
“The kitchen had been added onto over the years and was located in what was once the ‘hyphen’ connecting the main home to the carriage house,” explains Niki. This unique layout meant plumbing and electrical systems were outdated and not to code, which required a complete reconfiguration. To accommodate modern, high-end appliances and improve circulation, the team adjusted the island placement and created custom cabinetry in a soft sage green.

A soffit above the cabinetry conceals necessary venting and plumbing

Niki Komorek of Charleston Cabinets, Inc.

High-Function Luxury

The range wall's geometric tile complements the custom-designed cabinetry, with discreetly integrated storage and accessibility enhancements.



(above) The primary bathroom redesign focused on custom vanities for two and a floor plan to embrace their clawfoot tub.
(below) The guest bathroom's material selection exudes swanky appeal with a custom floater.

upgrades while maintaining the visual continuity.

One of the most rewarding transformations took place in the primary bathroom, which previously shared cramped quarters with a laundry room. The redesign relocated the laundry to the first floor, making way for a serene retreat with furniture-style vanities, a soaking tub, a walk-in shower, a water closet, and his-and-her sinks. Every bathroom in the home was reimagined, and an additional full bath was added to the second-floor front bedroom.

The owner's vision for a vibrant blend of Charleston charm and Palm Beach playfulness, came to life through curated finishes, layered textures, and a palette of soft pinks and greens. This was her third historic renovation with Charleston Cabinets, Inc., a testament to their longstanding collaboration. "Kelly calls us the Dream Team," Niki says. "Our relationship with her is built on trust and a shared love for restoring old homes with a modern sensibility."

The cabinetry throughout the home was crafted using KraftMaid Vantage products. Countertops were fabricated by MVP Granite, with materials sourced from Vitoria International. Charleston Cabinets collaborated with builder Irwin Built, Meadors Architects, and interior designer Jack Kennedy to bring the project to life. Tile selections from Red Rock Tileworks and Garden State Tile, along with lighting from Visual Comfort Co., add refined detail. A Classic Touch Draperies provided window treatments, and paint finishes were selected from Farrow & Ball.

From the double wraparound piazzas to the restored Loutrel Briggs–designed gardens and jewel-like plunge pool, the Robert Murray House is once again a showpiece of Southern elegance, updated with modern comfort and timeless craftsmanship. ✳

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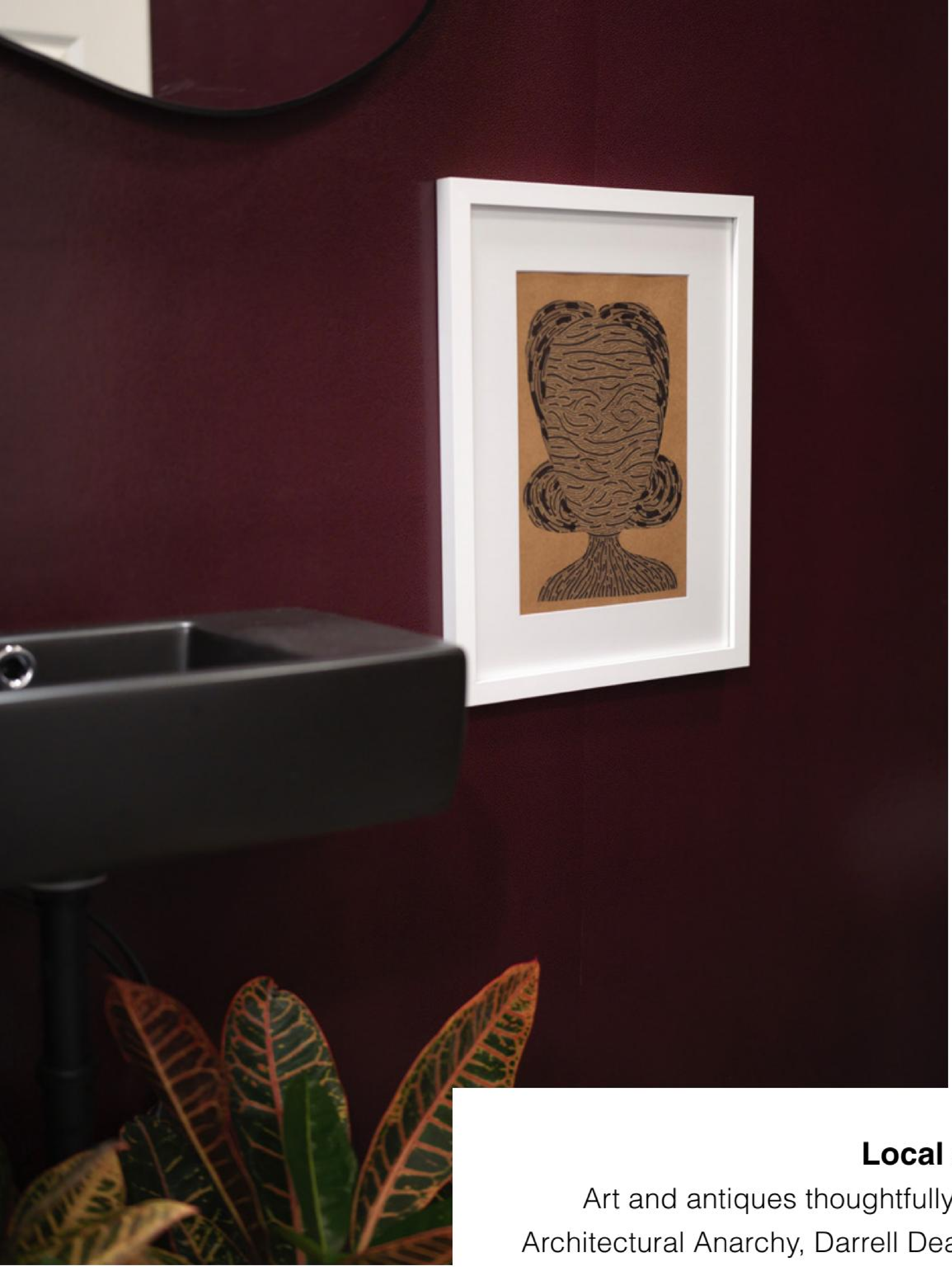
Beyond Residential

A celebration of local talent, timeless charm,
and the power of creative collaboration at 87 Wentworth.

Hidden within the historic fabric of downtown Charleston lies a striking transformation at Salon Liv. This woman-owned small business has been reimagined with intention, heart, and a distinctly Charleston spirit. Led by interior designer Kristen Mills, founder of Inch Projects, and supported by a collective of thirteen local creatives, the expansion and redesign reads as a manifesto for community-driven design.

The building at 87 Wentworth Street dates back to approximately 1750 and is among the oldest surviving houses on the former Glebe lands in Charleston. The two-story structure retains its stair hall wainscoting and six fireplaces. Lime-washed walls honor the age and texture of the envelope, while contemporary lighting brings clarity and a sense of lift to the circulation paths. The design allows the architecture to speak and adds a fresh layer that feels current without erasing the past.

A signature artwork by rising Charleston artist Demetrius Bing sets the tone. The piece introduces a confident palette that threads through the salon, appearing as controlled moments of color within a calm, neutral base. Suspended mirrors create clean sightlines and amplify natural and ambient light. They also free the floor, which supports graceful movement and an intuitive client flow. Furniture is primarily vintage, edited, and revived with luxe, performance-minded textiles that can withstand daily use. Patterned wallcoverings introduce depth and rhythm, particularly in corridors and styling bays. Every surface tells a story, from the reflective finishes that catch Charleston's shifting light to the tactile materials that invite touch. The



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Local Artistry

Art and antiques thoughtfully selected by Kristen Mills from Architectural Anarchy, Darrell Dean, Demitrius Bing, and JP Kilkenny define the space's creative energy.

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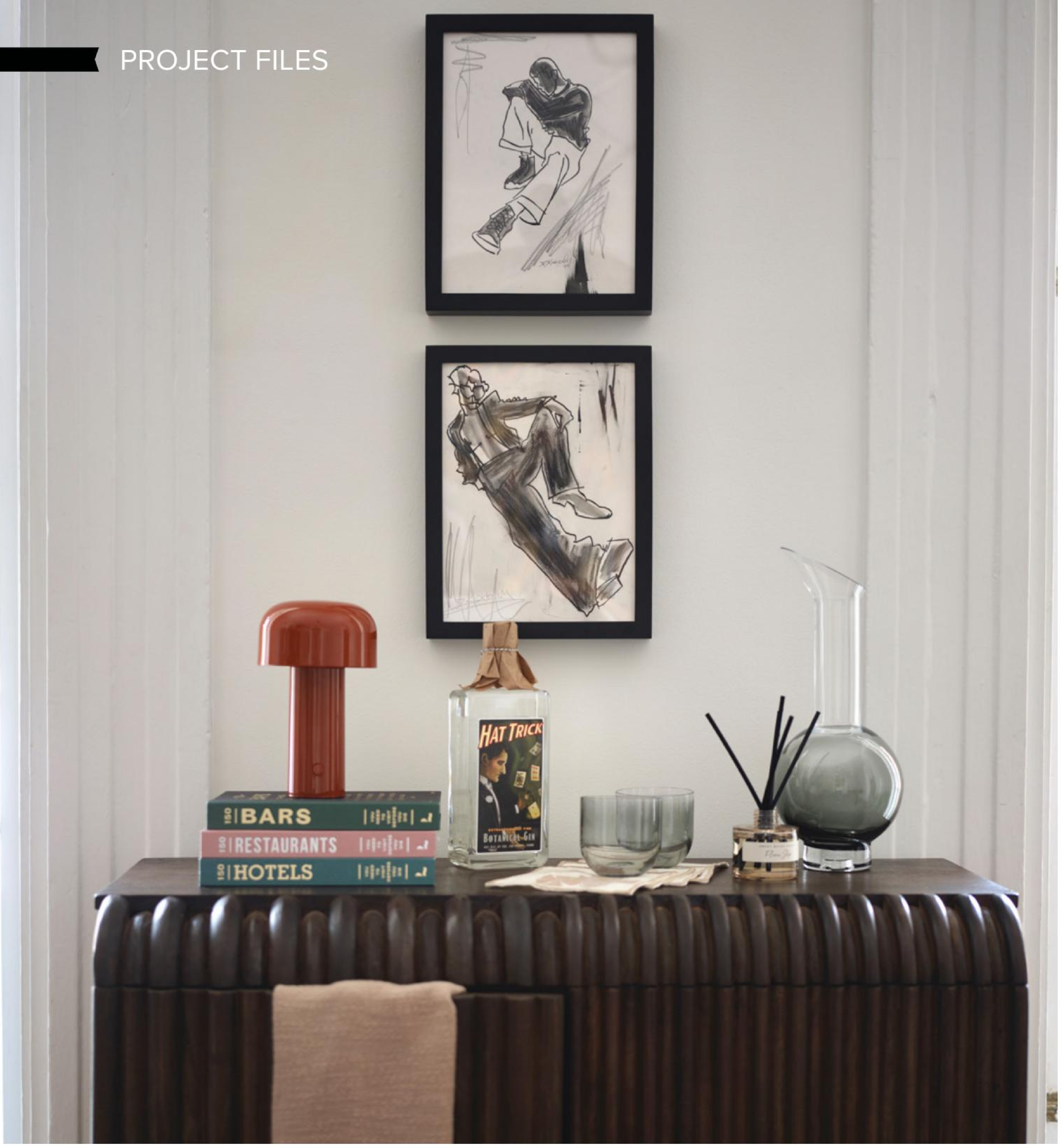

(above left) Vintage furniture paired with updated, luxe textiles plays with the eye.
(above right) Iola Modern provided the striking Kartell stool, planters and lighting.

Kristen Mills of Inch Projects and the Creative Team

mix of old and new amplifies the salon's hospitality, which was a clear priority for the owner.

Locally sourced materials and products anchor the narrative. Celadon contributes layered furnishings, while Sherwin-Williams provides the paint framework that unifies the palette. Fabric and wallcovering partners include Schumacher and Romo. Plumbing and hardware selections from Moluf's Supply and Melcer Tile deliver function with quiet refinement. Local showroom and design house Iola Modern rounds out the mix with contemporary accents that keep the mood crisp and fresh.

Curated antiques and art from Architectural Anarchy, Darrell Dean, and JP Kilkenny add provenance and personality to the space. Each piece feels chosen rather than merely specified,

which underscores the collaborative spirit at the heart of the project. Mills describes the process, “Salon Liv’s new design is not only about aesthetics. It is about collaboration. It is about showing what is possible when talented locals work with shared purpose and real passion.”

The result is tactile, cinematic, and unmistakably Charleston. Every decision reinforces the value of hiring specialists, from painters and textile curators to tile experts and furniture refinishers. The project demonstrates that great interiors are built by teams who understand context and craft. At Salon Liv, heritage and innovation meet in service to an experience that welcomes clients, supports staff, and celebrates a citywide creative network. ✴

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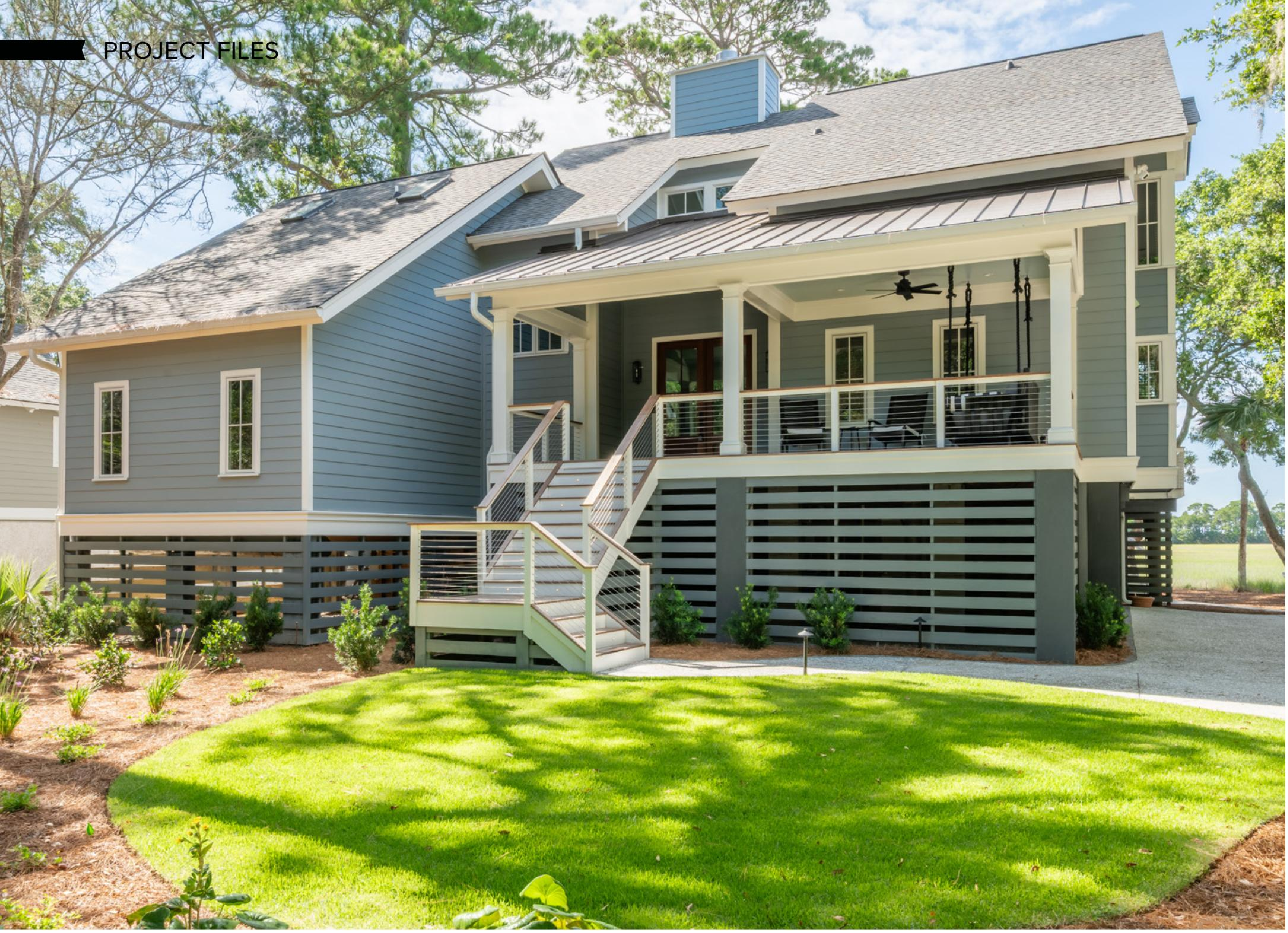

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Modernized with Timeless Charm

This modern residence was reimagined with a traditional twist, blending architectural updates and refined interiors into a seamless whole-home transformation.

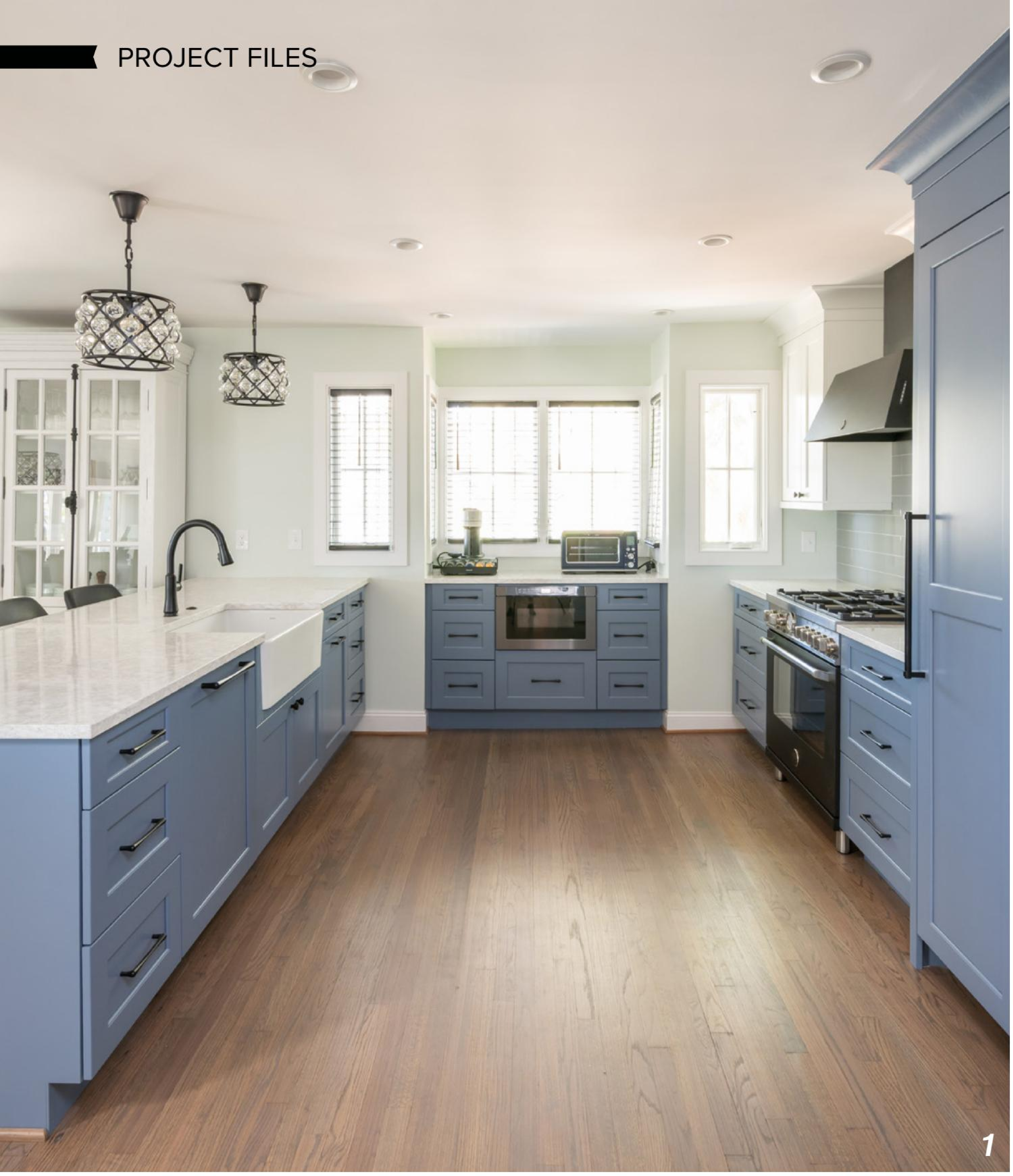
When a contemporary-style home no longer suited its owners' vision, they sought a transformation rooted in tradition. Classic Remodeling & Construction was chosen as a design/build firm known for guiding homeowners through every phase of renovation, from initial design concepts and finish selections to engineering, permitting, and construction. The homeowners' wish list included updating the exterior to a more traditional style, enlarging the kitchen, and reconfiguring several interior spaces to maximize function and flow.

The result is a complete refresh that feels timeless, welcoming, and meticulously planned. On the exterior, Classic Remodeling replaced the siding and windows, updated the ground-level skirting, and added a striking front porch. A small front addition provided the extra space needed for a new walk-in pantry and laundry room on the main level. At the same time, upstairs, the reconfigured primary suite now features a spacious bathroom and a generous walk-in closet. Bathrooms and finishes throughout the home also received thoughtful updates, creating a cohesive aesthetic.

“The best designs come from real conversations. When I understand how someone lives, that's when all the details fall into place,” says Classic Remodeling's designer Christy Ammerman. The renovation relied on trusted suppliers and partners, including Greenfield Cabinetry, Barefoot Floors for hardwood

Christy Ammerman of Classic Remodeling & Construction

Sunlit Sanctuary
Vaulted ceilings and a skylight bring natural light throughout the first and second floors for an all-encompassing coastal feel.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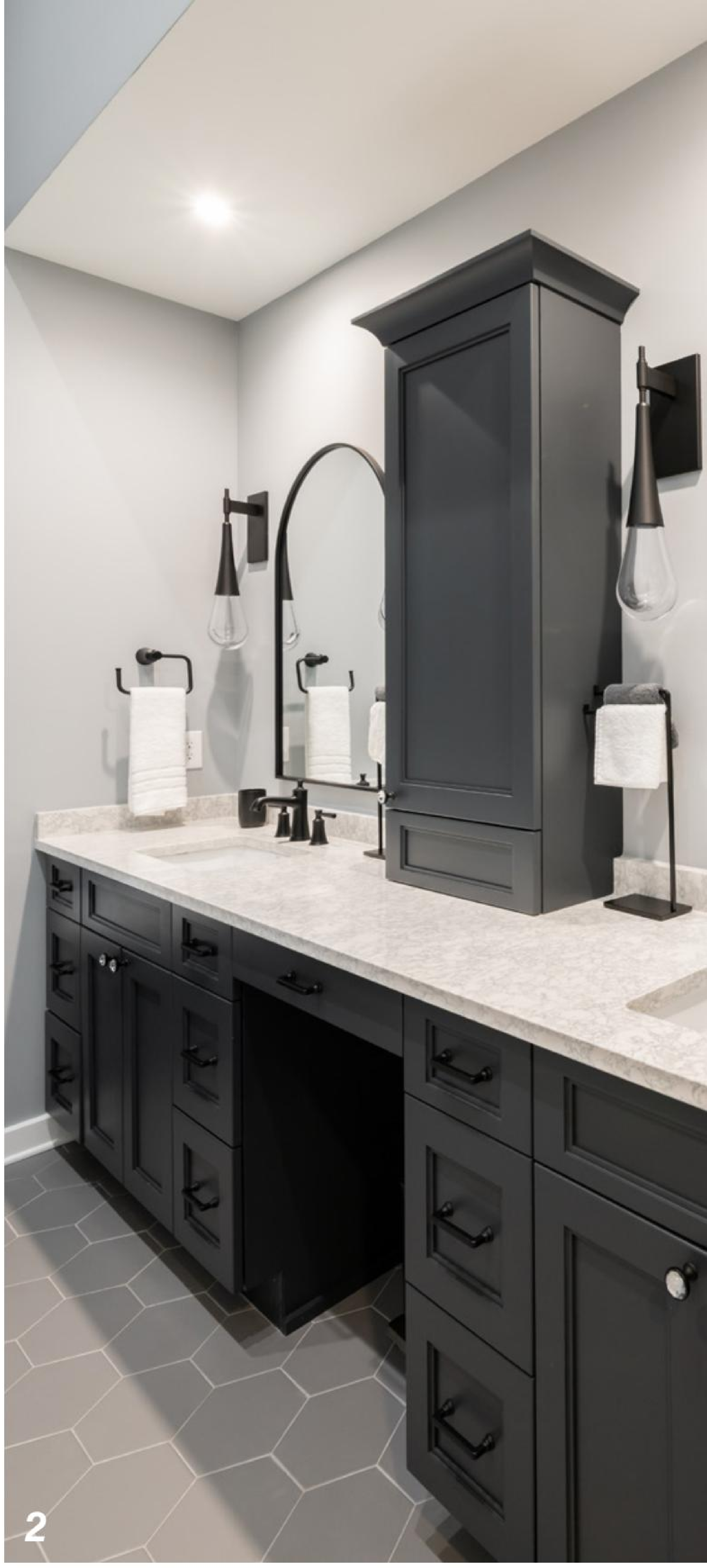
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__(1)__ The kitchen underwent a complete refresh, featuring custom cabinetry, countertops, and fixtures for a fresh look. *__(2)__* Custom his-and-hers vanities provide ample bathroom storage. *__(3)__* The primary bathroom blends a variety of materials for a moody and modern look.

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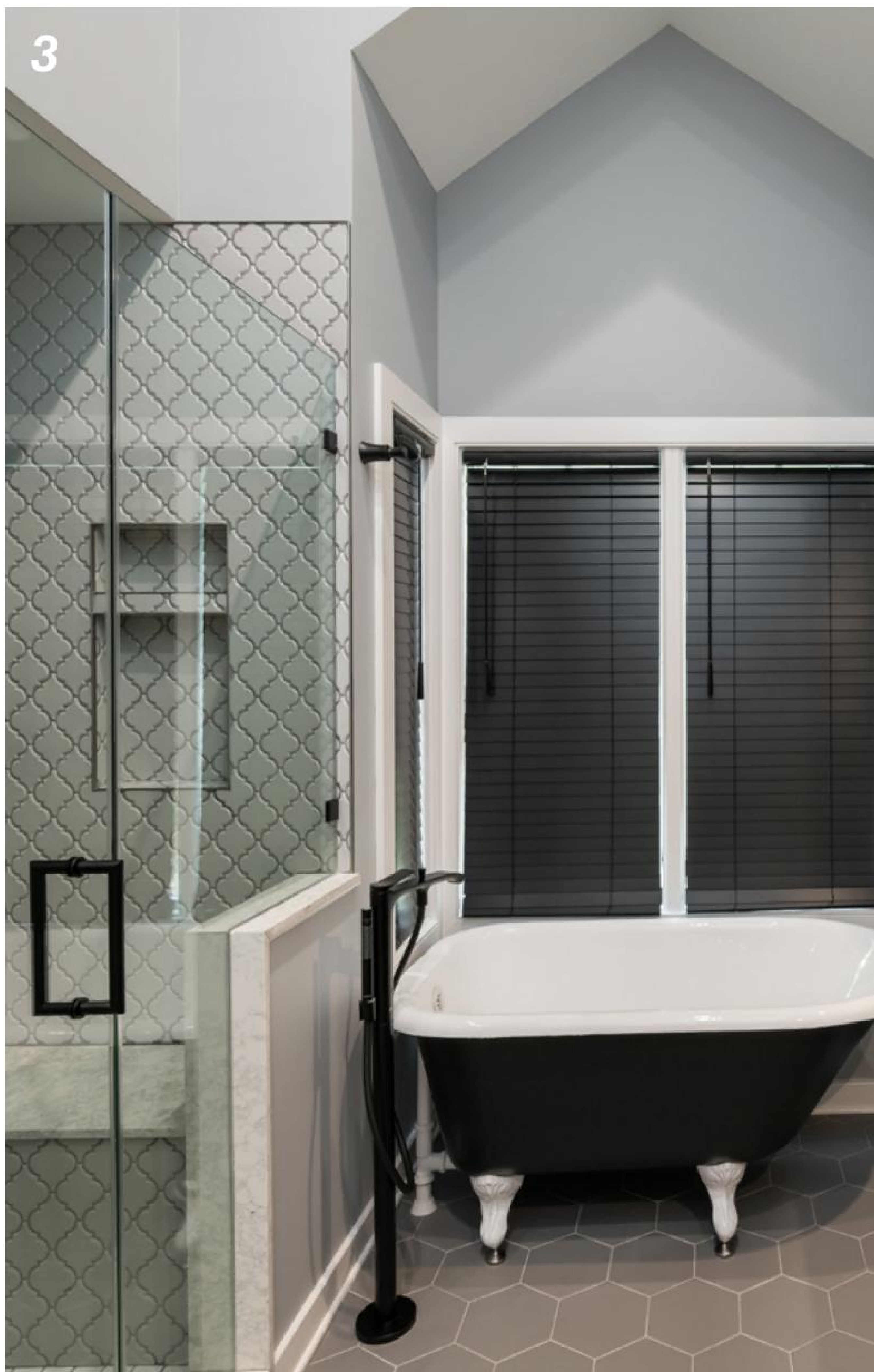

floors, and installed by Garden State Tile. Palmetto Surfacing fabricated Cambria quartz countertops. Kitchen appliances, including a Bertazzoni range and hood, a Thermador refrigerator, an XO microwave and beverage fridge, and a Bosch dishwasher, were provided by Ferguson Home and Plugs Appliances. Additional project partners included MCC Electrical, Paint Experts (using Sherwin-Williams finishes), Cruz Landscaping, Southern Lumber & Millwork Corp., and more.

Like many renovation projects, this one brought surprises once walls were opened, but the team addressed the repairs without significant design changes. The project timeline also reflected its history, initially discussed in 2020; it was paused due to the pandemic before resuming in 2023 and concluding in June 2025.

From the street, the home's new traditional façade and welcoming entry porch make it nearly unrecognizable from its former self. Inside, modern conveniences and classic details blend effortlessly, proving that with the right team, a home can evolve to reflect both personal style and enduring design. ✴

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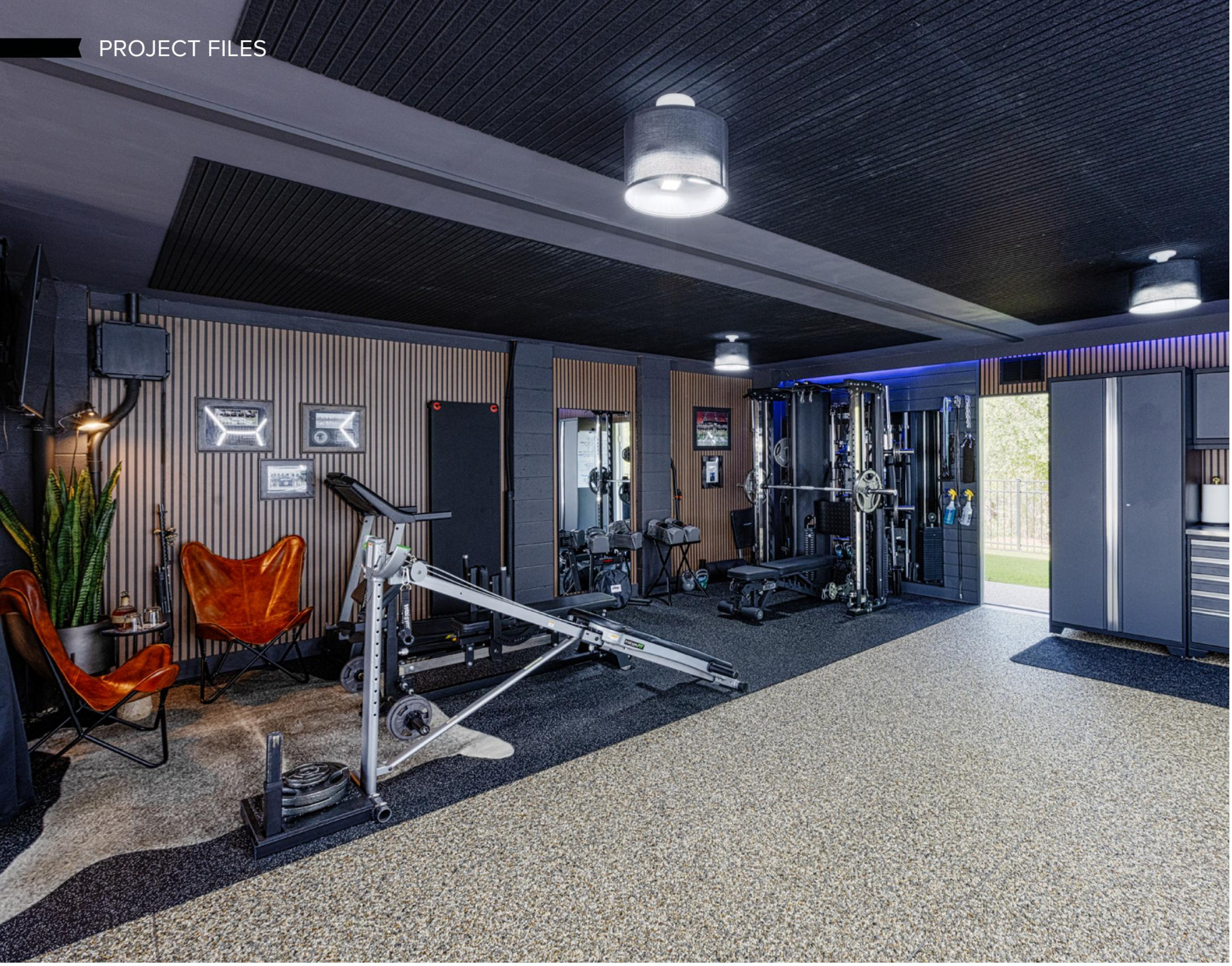

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Flooring That Lasts

These flooring experts installed a surface designed to handle everything from storage to utility with ease.

Flooring is often the last detail homeowners consider, especially in the garage. Function tends to outweigh style, with many assuming they must sacrifice aesthetics for durability. But bare concrete, prone to chipping and cracking, hardly fits the bill for a space that works as hard as today's garages.

For this project, the homeowners needed flooring that could handle the weight of a car and double as a surface tough enough for an at-home gym, even able to withstand the accidental drop of a dumbbell without damage. Coastal Stone Flooring delivered the perfect solution: a practical, durable, and visually polished surface that elevates the garage from basic utility to a true extension of the home.

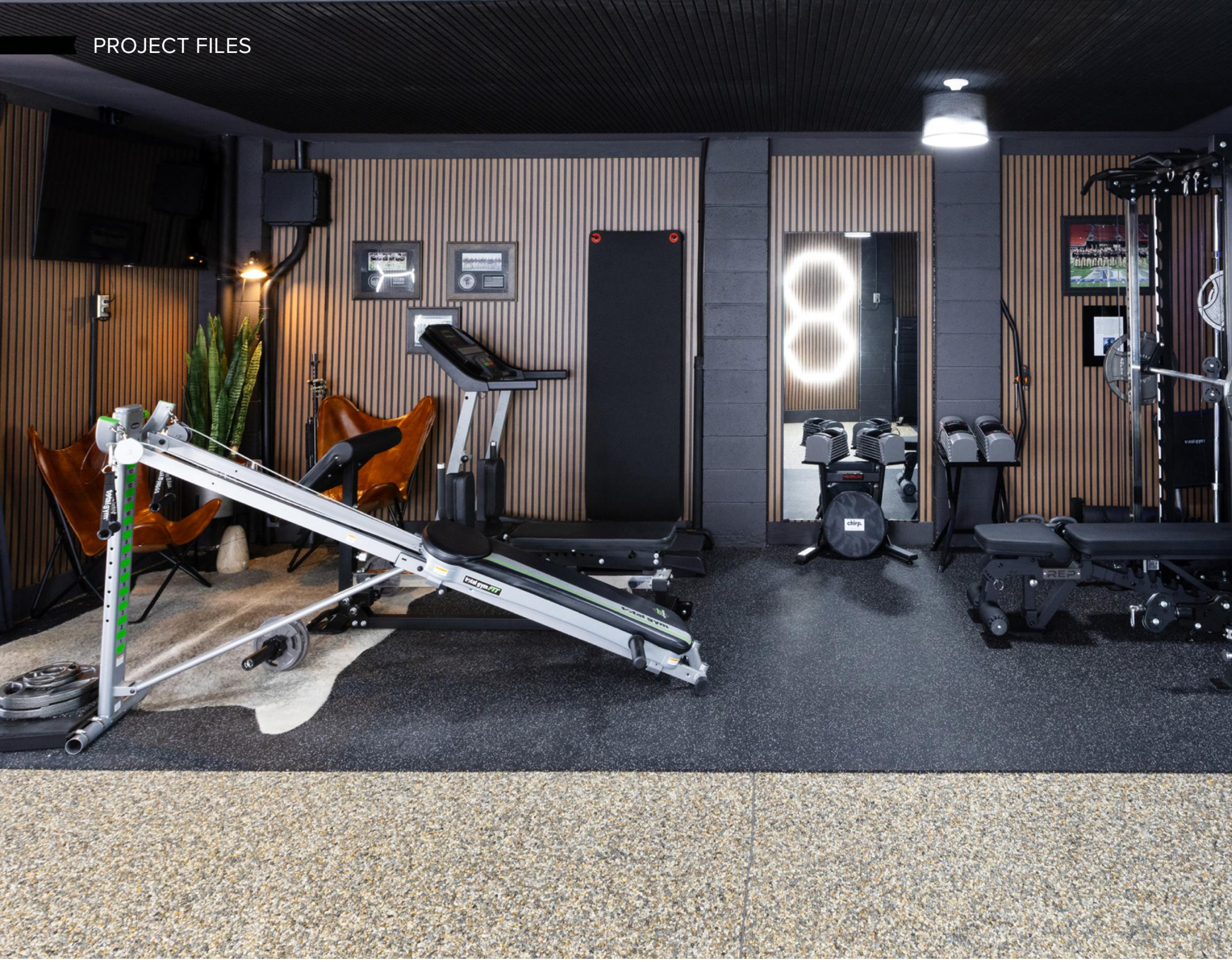
Like every Coastal Stone Flooring project, this garage floor was crafted from hand-selected, all-natural river stones. Blended with a patent-pending epoxy and hand-troweled over the existing concrete, the finish not only seals the surface but also allows it to breathe, letting moisture pass through with ease. The result is a floor that outperforms an ordinary garage floor.

“People aren't looking for traditional flooring anymore,” Luke Wilson of Coastal Stone Flooring states. Unlike concrete, it won't pit or crack, and unlike epoxy paint, it won't bubble, chip, or peel. Instead, it remains beautifully resilient, year after year.

Coastal Stone Flooring installed a surface designed to eliminate slipping and tripping hazards. This was an essential benefit for the homeowner, since the garage also doubles as a

Garage Grandeur

Coastal Stone Flooring provided the perfect solution: a durable, practical, and beautifully finished surface that transforms the garage from a basic workspace into a true extension of the home.



(above) This at-home gym/garage features hand-selected river stones blended with patent-pending epoxy to produce a surface resistant to cracking, peeling, or bubbling.

gym. The finish leaves no standing water, no tracked-in dirt or grime, and even flooding can't compromise its durability. Perfectly suited to the Lowcountry's humid climate, it offers both safety and resilience while maintaining a clean and functional space all year round.

Because of the project's size, the installation required more preparation than most, taking four days from start to finish. Typically, however, Coastal Stone floors can be completed in just one day, and you can walk on the surface within twenty-four hours. For garage, driveway, or other outdoor applications, it's recommended to wait seven days before driving on the floor.

Maintenance is simple. With proper care, including periodic cleaning and an occasional top coat if the shine begins to dull, the floor will remain strong, durable, and beautiful for a lifetime. To make the process even easier, homeowners receive full care guidelines with their contract, and the Coastal Stone team is always available for support.

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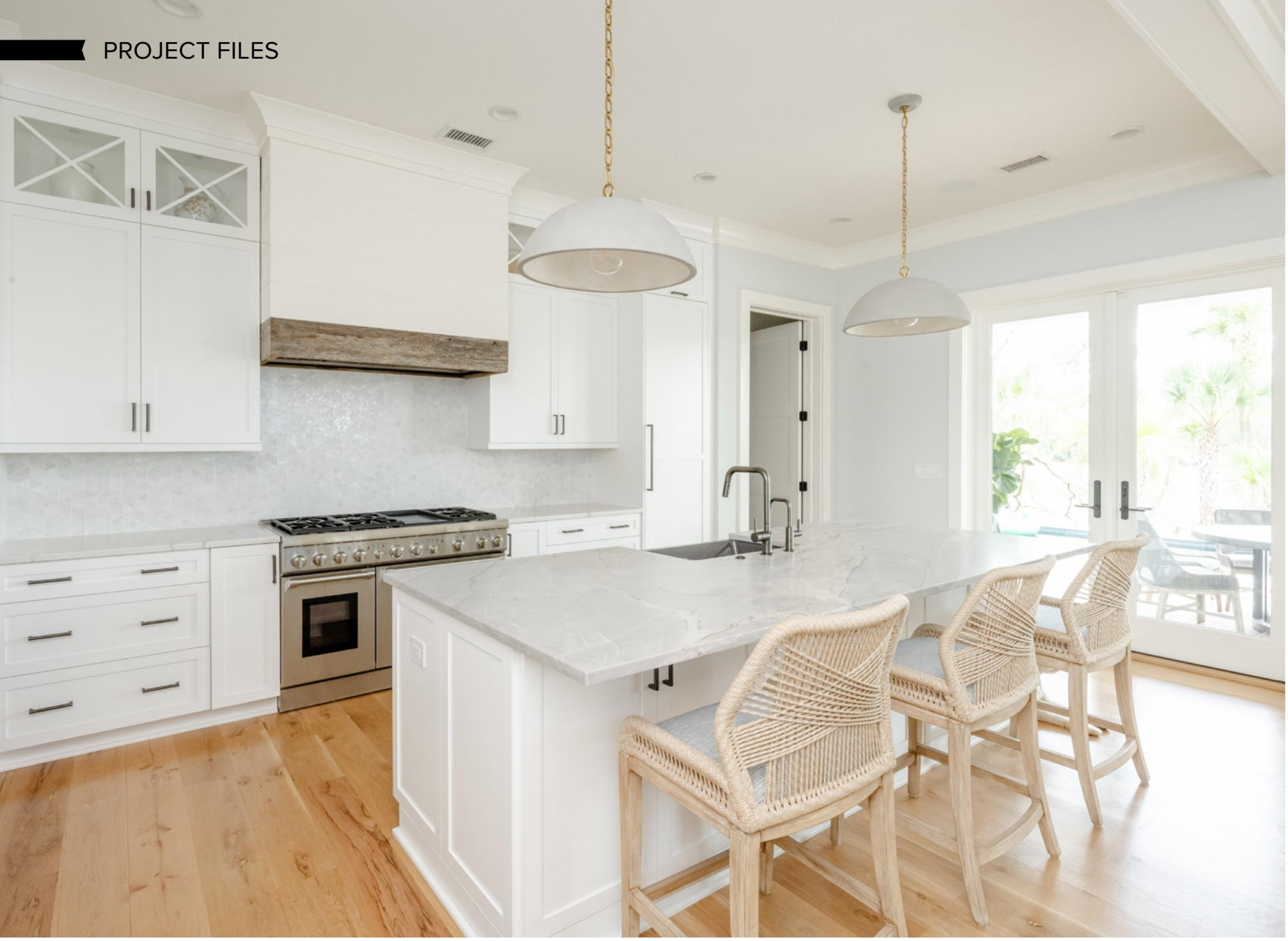

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Tailored Living

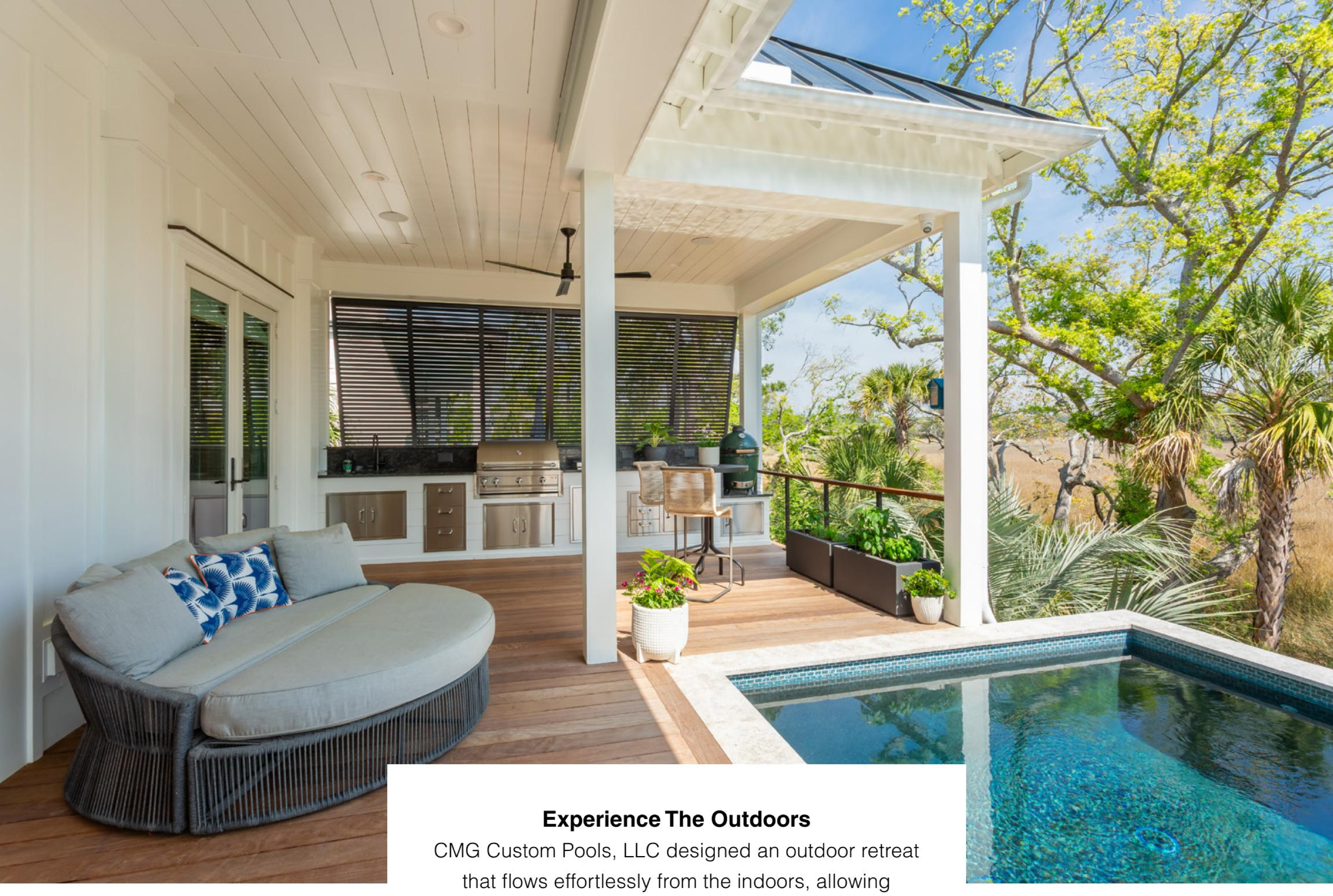
From the interiors to the outdoors, this four-month renovation redefined the existing home with elegance and ease.

Spanning four months, a local building company transformed this home with a sweeping renovation. Elegant updates touched nearly every corner, from the powder room and entry hall to the fireplace, kitchen, bar, and primary suite. The project went beyond interiors, adding an elevated pool framed by an IPE wood deck and cable railing, along with a new outdoor kitchen and sauna. Due to precise planning and seamless execution, the homeowners experienced minimal disruption and can now savor their marsh-front views from a home that now matches their lifestyle.

These homeowners envisioned a residence that would better reflect their way of life. Partnering with CMG Custom Homes, LLC, they set out to transform their traditional house into a modern, highly functional retreat. The goal was to create a seamless flow between indoors and out, with light-filled interiors opening to a welcoming outdoor space, perfect for gathering with family and friends.

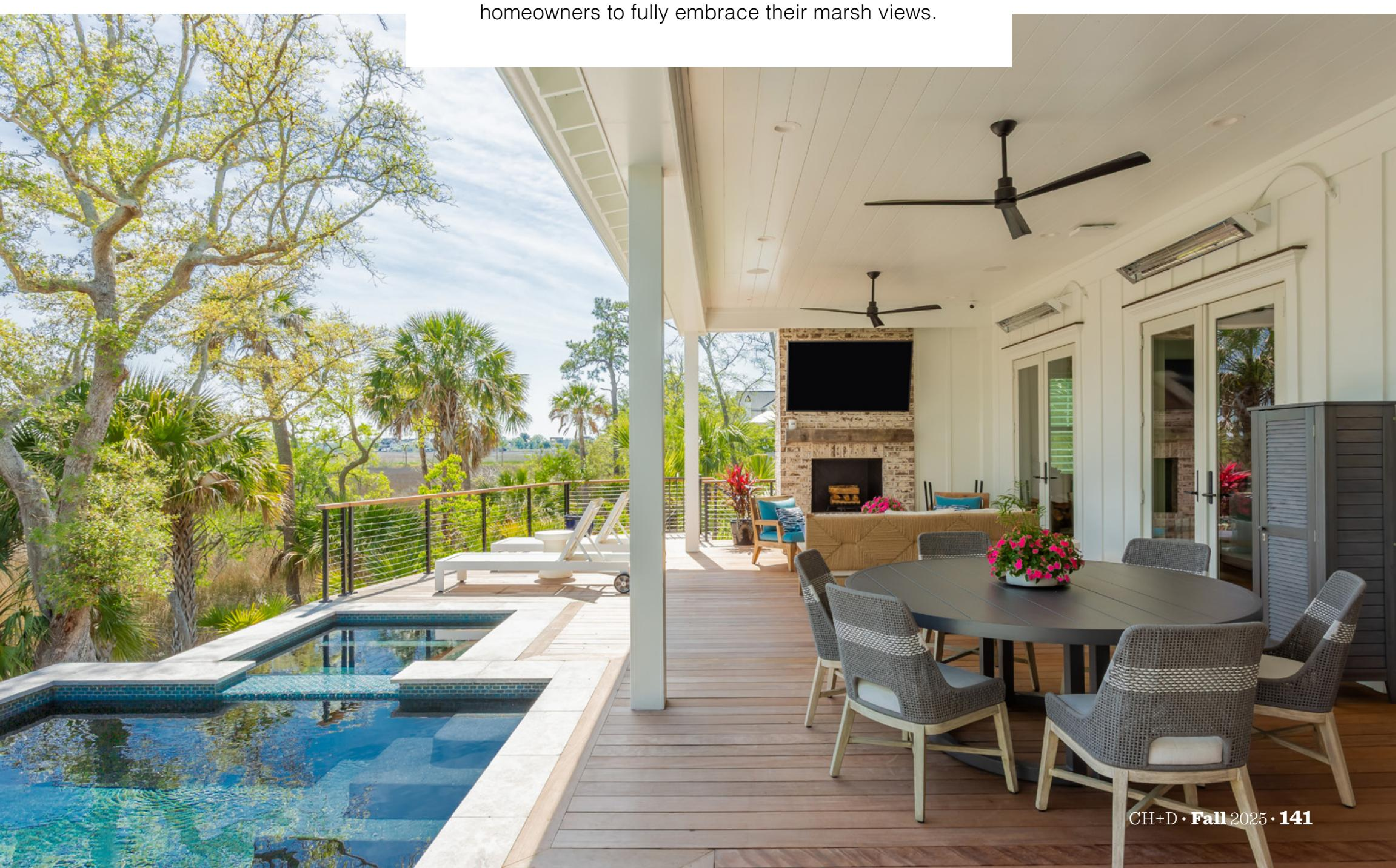
From the earliest stages of planning through final delivery, CMG's team collaborated closely with the homeowners to elevate every interior with a refined and cohesive design. At the heart of the home, the kitchen strikes a balance between modern simplicity and timeless detail. Crisp white cabinetry is paired with light hardwood floors, while a grand island, anchored by a farmhouse sink, becomes

Rich Durik of CMG Custom Homes, LLC



Experience The Outdoors

CMG Custom Pools, LLC designed an outdoor retreat that flows effortlessly from the indoors, allowing homeowners to fully embrace their marsh views.



both a functional workspace and a gathering point. Above the range, a custom wood-paneled hood rises dramatically against a backdrop of tiled walls, while sleek, veined countertops bring subtle depth to the space.

Just beyond, a bar area finished with mosaic tile and open shelving expands the home's entertainment potential. In the living room, a striking fireplace serves as a centerpiece of luxury, its surround crafted from natural stone and crowned by a substantial mantel. A flat-screen television mounted above integrates modern living with classic architectural presence, uniting comfort and sophistication.

"We brought the client's vision to life through creative design solutions and high-quality craftsmanship. With a skilled team and a commitment to excellence, we delivered a comprehensive project that respected deadlines, budget, and design expectations," Rich says.

CMG Custom Homes carried the transformation outdoors, where an elevated pool with scenic lighting frames sweeping views. This pool was designed to be both functional and visually striking. The IPE wood deck and cable railing provide a warm yet modern aesthetic, while ensuring safety without obstructing the view. In the evening, the integrated lighting creates a sophisticated outdoor ambiance, inviting guests to stay longer.

A high-end outdoor kitchen was seamlessly integrated into the existing space, offering ample room for entertaining and the convenience of cooking without stepping inside. To complete the retreat, an outdoor sauna was thoughtfully positioned within the landscape, delivering a sense of tranquility while blending naturally into its surroundings.

The project presented its greatest challenge in scope. Yet challenges are where CMG Custom Homes excels. They

(1) The entryway showcases wainscoting and patterned wallpaper with light wood flooring to set a warm, welcoming tone. ***(2)*** This at-home workspace features Whooper Swan wallpaper from Rebel Walls. ***(3)*** Abundant windows maximize daylight throughout the room.

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THE BEST IS YET TO COME

maintain uncompromising quality while adhering to a strict schedule requiring precision at every stage. The elevated pool, in particular, demanded a highly technical plan and seamless coordination between vendors and field teams.

Builder Rich Durik's precise project management and consistent communication with the homeowner were key to completing a project of this scale within such a short time frame. The homeowner shared, "This exceeded our expectations. Their attention to detail is incredible." ✴

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(4) Wood-like tile and light wallpaper brighten the secondary bath. ***(5)*** The bed's recessed area, highlighted by distinctive wallpaper, creates a purposeful architectural niche.

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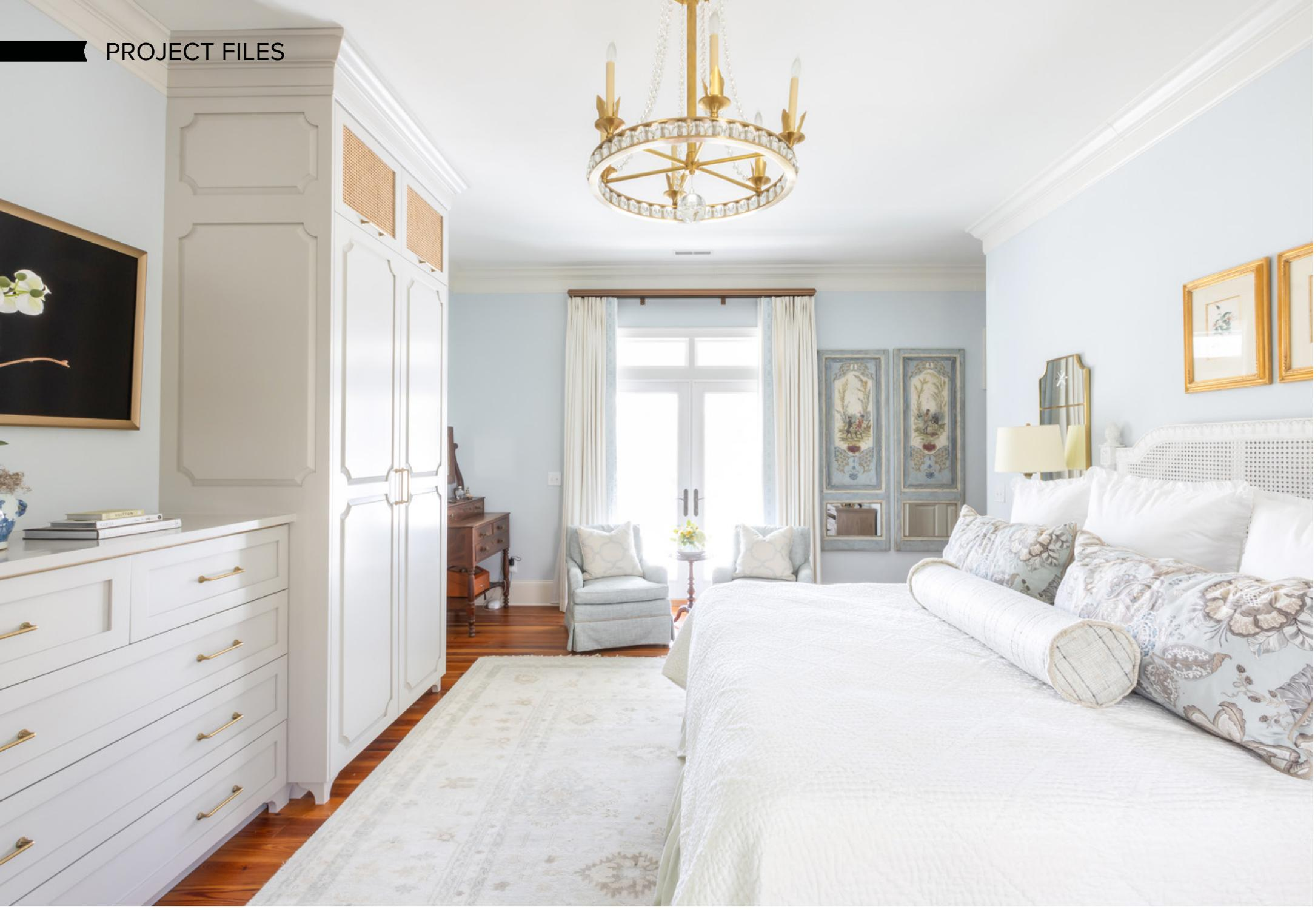

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A New Take on Traditional

Aimed at maximizing storage while maintaining a traditional allure, a local firm designed custom-built storage to complement existing antiques in this primary bedroom.

What initially sparked this primary bedroom overhaul was what it had always been missing: closet space. Of course, built-ins are what the mind might think of next, except this couple was certain it might end up looking like a set of cabinets.

Luckily, their trusted interior designer, Terri Caban Baldwin of CHD Interiors, explained how she might make their wants and needs align with a custom-built solution. Terri's apt renaming of them, "armoires," made this project one that the homeowners could look forward to with their traditional sensibilities. "The process was completely turn-key for a brand-new bedroom ready for the clients when they returned from vacation," she adds.

Working alongside a custom cabinet maker, Terri used her design sketches to guide the process. Inspired by antique wardrobes, the new built-ins needed to accommodate both his-and-hers spaces, as well as a built-in audio system that wouldn't compromise the entire design.

"We asked David Rust of Artis Construction to collaborate with our team to handle all the construction-related aspects of the project. They also had skilled cabinet makers and

Terri Caban Baldwin of CHD Interiors

Stately Storage

Custom built-ins provide necessary storage without disrupting the soft aesthetic; note the concealed entertainment speakers behind the woven front panels.

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(1 & 2) New furniture, linens, and light fixtures sourced from CHD Interiors pair well with the homeowner's collection of antiques to complete this updated yet traditional design. ***(3)*** Custom drapery softens the look of this primary bedroom.

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finish carpenters who dealt with the construction of the armoires. It was beautifully done," she shares. It was from here that the rest of the bedroom design would unfold.

"The clients had two antique furniture pieces as well as some French wall panels. We incorporated all of it into the design to maintain and update their traditional aesthetic," Terri says. A color story drawn from existing pieces inspired the soft palette of whites, creams, and blues. "We carried the colors through the rug, bed linens, and onto the window treatments to marry the new furniture with the existing décor. It was due to the soft color palette that this space balances fresh and new with timeworn and antique elements," she explains. ✳

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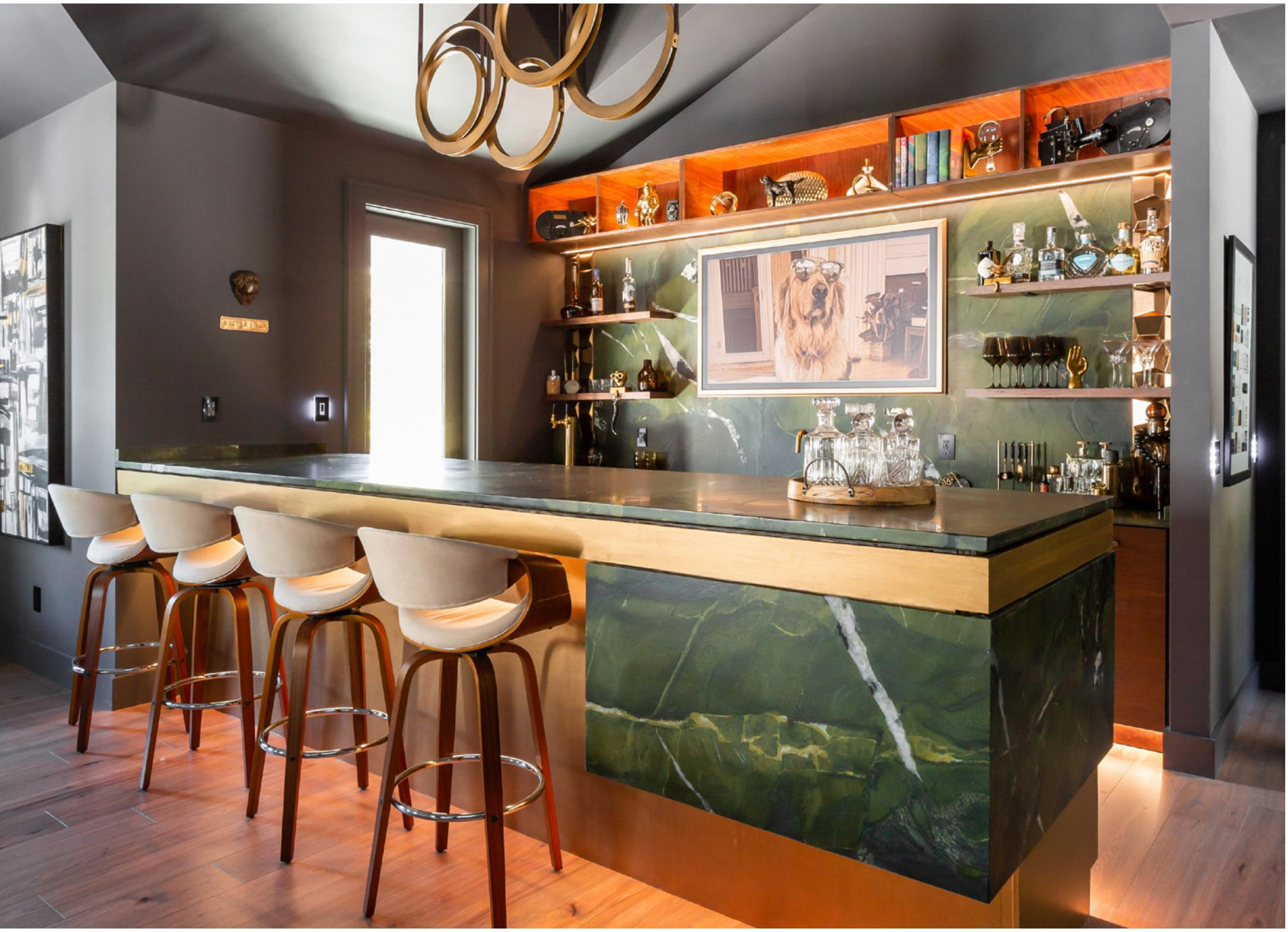

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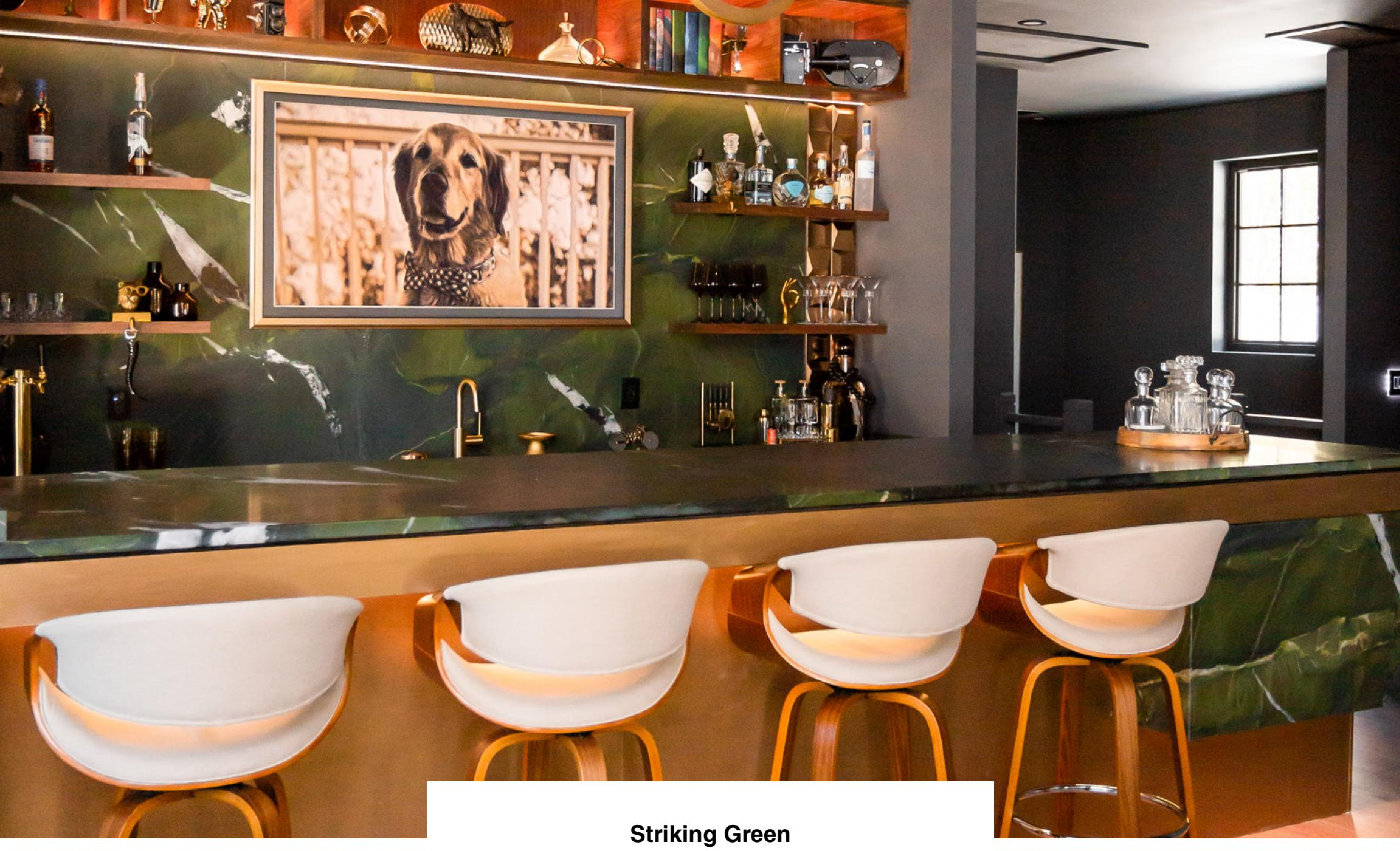
In-home bars are no longer an afterthought in a custom home, but rather a focal point for entertaining and a reflection of personal style. For this striking space, the homeowners turned to AGM Imports of Charleston in search of a surface that would deliver both performance and presence. The result? A showstopping installation of Avocatus quartzite in a leathered finish, fabricated by Granite Depot of Charleston.

Sourced directly from AGM's North Charleston warehouse, the deep green Avocatus quartzite offered multiple slabs to choose from, allowing the homeowners to hand-select the piece with the most dynamic veining. The decision to finish the stone with a leathered texture enhanced its natural drama, adding depth and a tactile, matte surface that resists fingerprints and glare, making it ideal for hardworking utility spaces, such as a bar.

This richly textured material was used on the countertop, the base of the island, and the backsplash, wrapping the entire bar in a cohesive and compelling natural stone. More than just beautiful, quartzite is also one of the most rigid and durable stones available, making it resistant to scratches, heat, and stains, qualities that make it a practical yet luxurious choice for an at-home entertaining space.

Melanie Richardson of AGM Imports of Charleston



Striking Green
The bar and backsplash features AGM Imports' signature Avocatus quartzite in a leathered finish.

The design doesn't stop at stone. Framed by custom open shelving and warm metallic tones, the space also includes a striking personal detail: a portrait of the homeowners' beloved dog, cleverly incorporated into the center of the bar's back wall. It's a stylish nod to the couple's personality and a heartwarming conversation piece that perfectly complements the bold materials.

"In-home bars have grown in popularity and are a serious conversation piece for homeowners who love to entertain," says Melanie Richardson, Branch Manager at AGM Imports. "My favorite part of this project was seeing everything come together in the end and how happy the homeowners were with the finished project. I also love how they incorporated their sweet doggy into the project—the perfect final touch. They are enjoying their countertops as it has become quite the conversation piece," she adds. ✴

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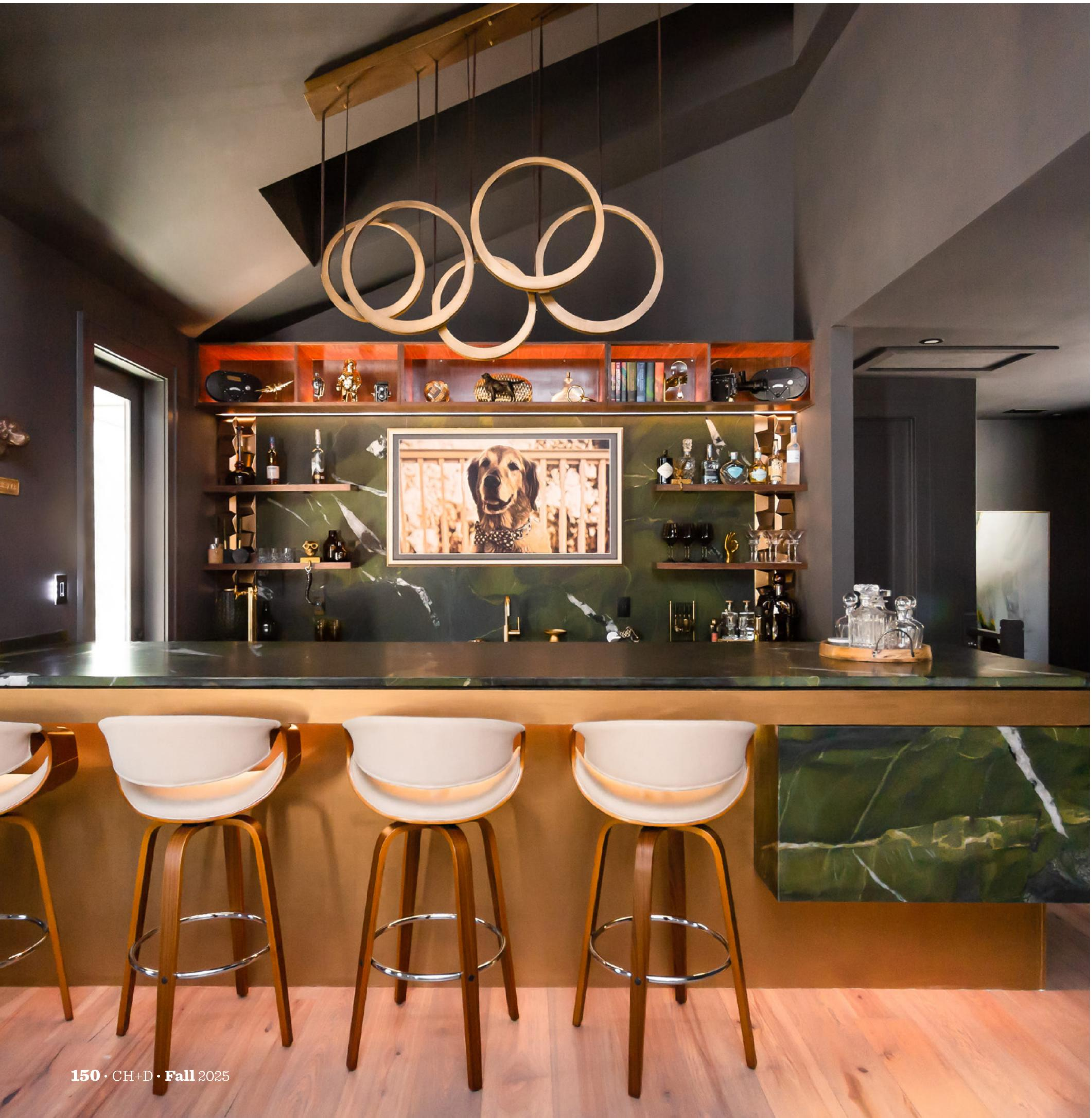
(below) AGM Imports supplied its signature Avocatus quartzite in a leathered finish for the bartop and backsplash.



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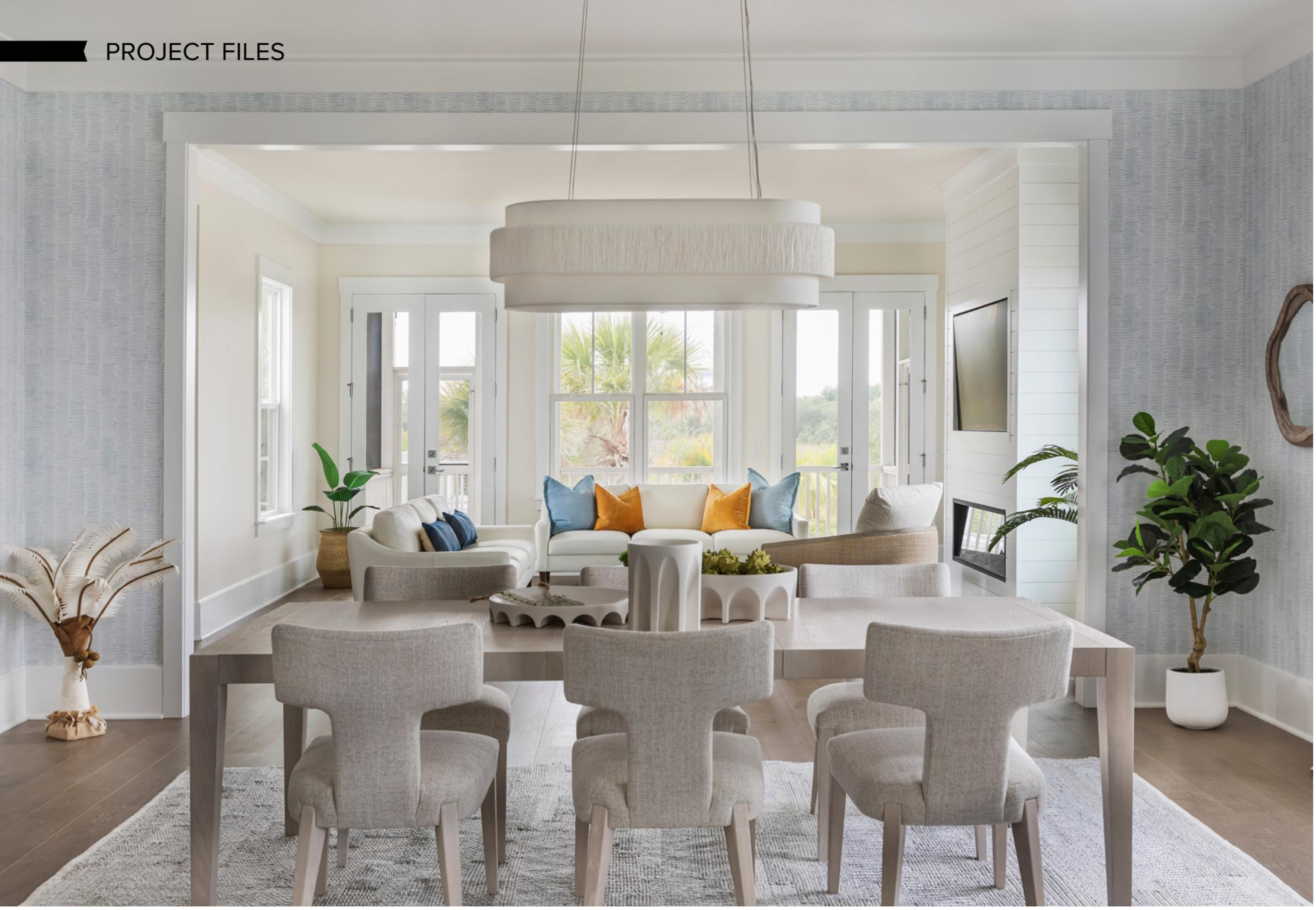

Written by Ashley Rowell | Photography by Margaret Wright | Portrait by Sirena White-Singleton

Family-Centric Design

For a family relocating to Charleston, this local designer delivered a thoughtfully curated, move-in-ready home.

For this family relocating from New York to Charleston, it was essential that their newly renovated house felt updated, personalized, and ready to serve as a modern coastal retreat where their two young children could grow up. These homeowners didn't see their renovated home until their move-in day, having placed complete trust in Andrea Dussault, owner of Striped Lemon Design. The result is a testament to the Striped Lemon Design team's ability to deliver a fresh, coastal-inspired home on a tight timeline, thoughtfully designed to be both family-friendly and timeless as the family ages.

Andrea and her design team began to work with their contractors to personalize this marsh-front Daniel Island home. The design was deliberate. The home is full of great furniture and accessories, and the mood is light and inviting. Upon stepping inside, guests are welcomed by a long, elegant corridor where flow and balance take center stage. Original architectural details, like the classic trim, were thoughtfully preserved to honor the home's character. Andrea Dussault tells, "It's about asking: what deserves to stay, and how can it complement the story we're telling?" The rug complements the side table, which is flanked by two chairs with reeded wood accents. Vibrant throw pillows bring depth to the design while complementing the custom local artwork.

Striped Lemon Design created a living space that is airy and coastal, serving

Andrea Dussault of Striped Lemon Design

Hues of The Marsh

Modern, clean layers create a calm, inviting space where the family can gather and grow.

(above left) The green trim paired with Rebecca Atwood's Hatchmarks wallpaper establishes a grounded, neutral backdrop. ***(above right)*** Coastal calm meets modern symmetry in this dining space, where Rebecca Atwood's Scribble wallpaper, sculptural window-flanking mirrors, a Currey & Company light fixture, and clean-lined furnishings with a textured rug create balanced style.

as a gathering area for the family with minimal clutter. The American Leather sofas sourced from Iola Modern feature luxurious white leather upholstery, keeping the space bright. The absence of drapery was a deliberate design choice intended to preserve the expansive marshfront view and maximize natural light. A sleek, modern electric fireplace from WilliamSmith Fireplaces and a custom low-mounted recessed TV, both framed by shiplap, serve as the focal point of the living space. Hints of blue in the pillows and accessories support the theme of modern, coastal charm, while cohesively blending the space with the dining area.

"For this home, it was all about warm, organic layers that feel clean and calm, bringing the outside in, and giving this family a place to gather, grow, and enjoy life by the marsh," says Andrea.

The dining room flows effortlessly into the living area, unified by striking Rebecca Atwood wallpaper that adds texture and echoes the blue accents beyond. A stunning light fixture by Currey & Company anchors the space. This is a subtle detail that reflects the family-focused heart of the home.

At the end of the hallway, the home office was designed to feel fresh and calm with the homeowner's Zoom calls in mind. It needed to have a polished and professional backdrop. Andrea created a bold ceiling moment using Rebecca Atwood's Hatchmarks wallpaper in a green crisscross pattern, while keeping the walls neutral for balance. The trim and doors were color-drenched in a soothing green pulled from the wallpaper, adding depth without distraction. An organic wood desk and chair echo the warm wood tones found in the serene office space. ✳

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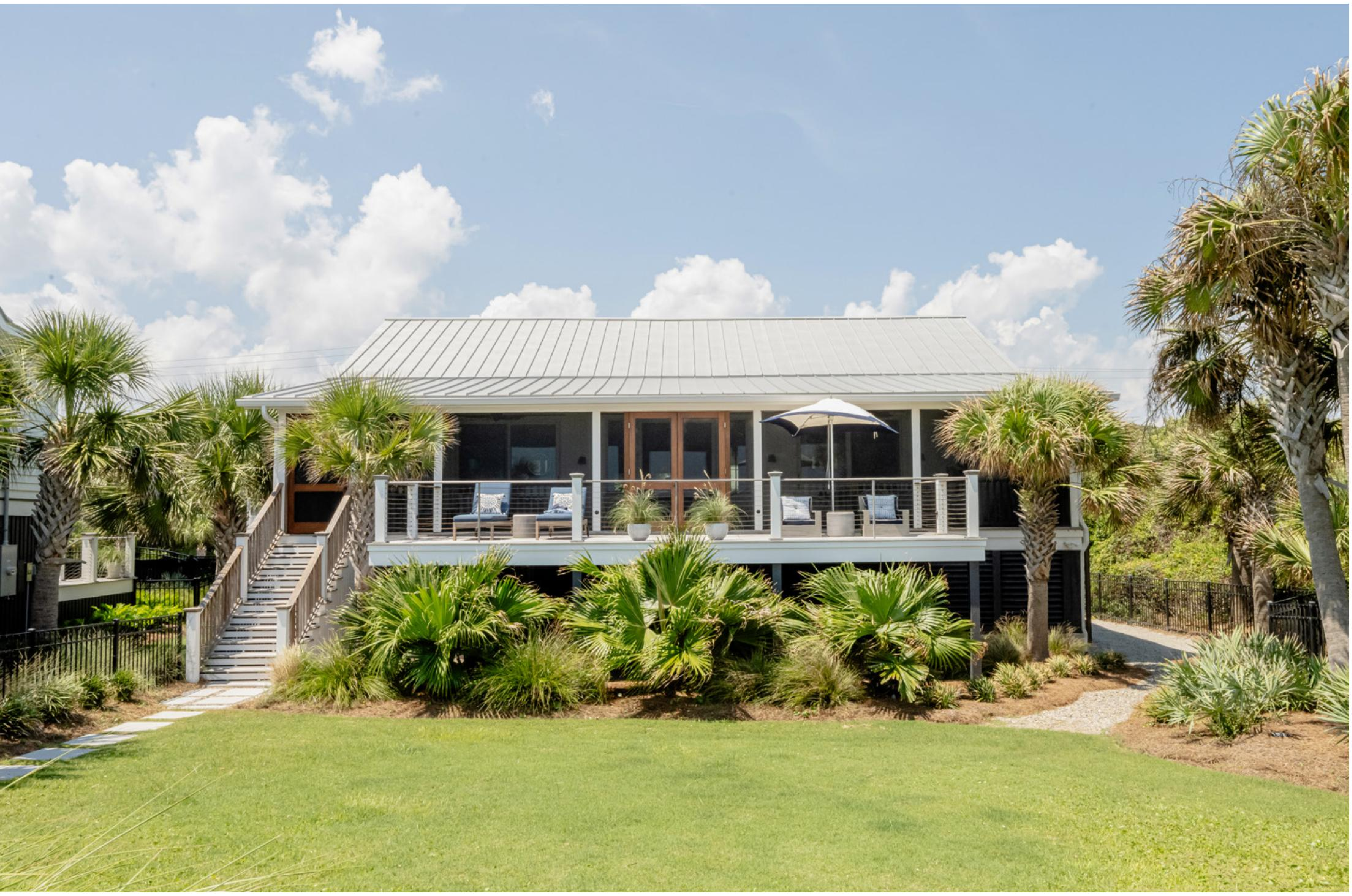

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A Revival on Folly Beach

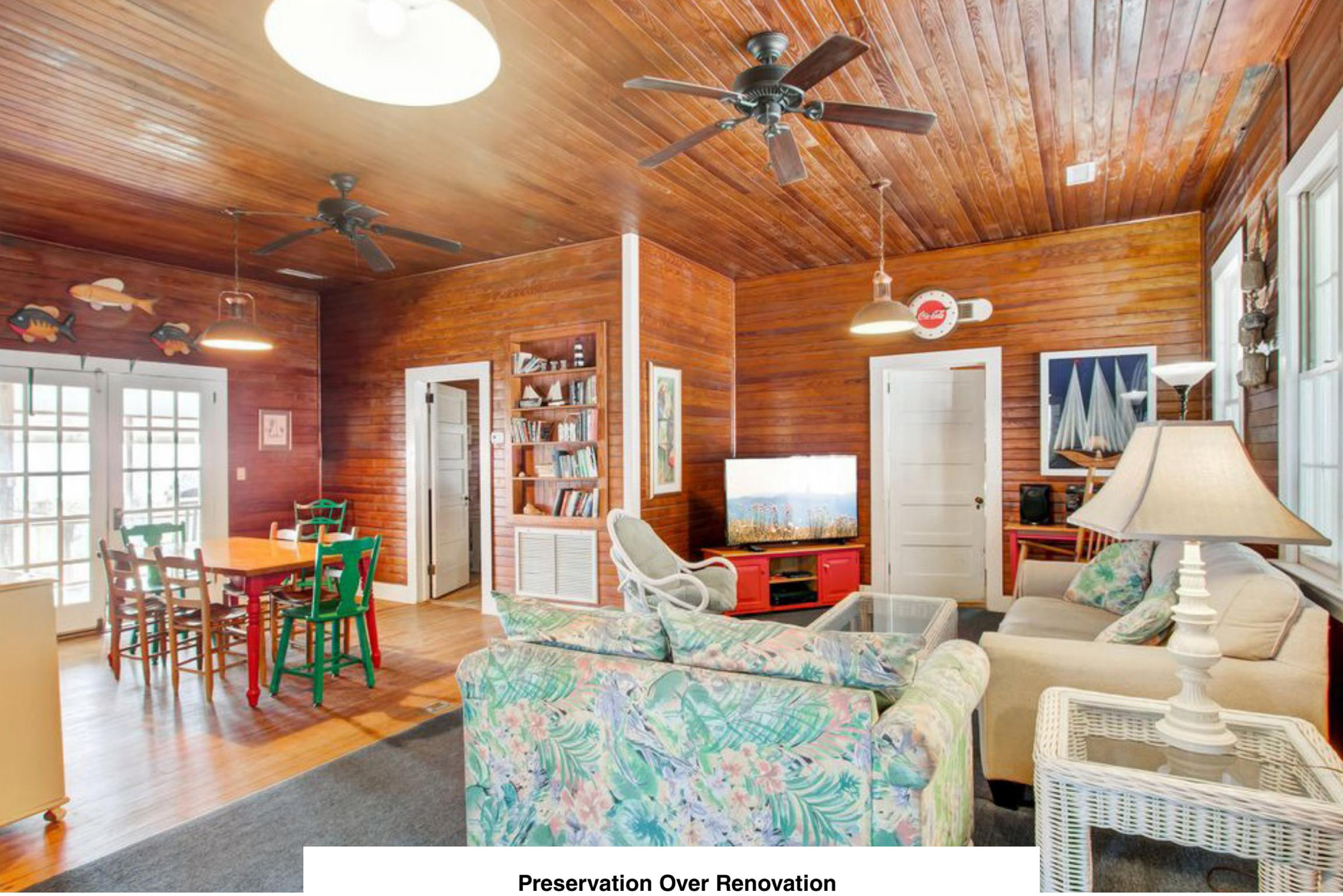
This Folly Beach cottage endured storms, neglect, and nearly a century of change. Today it stands rescued as a true piece of Americana.

On Folly Beach, where new builds often replace weathered cottages, one historic home has been given a second life. Known to locals for decades as the "Coca-Cola House," this circa-1930 property narrowly escaped demolition until homeowner Wendy Gilder partnered with Adam Copenhaver and his team at CopeGrand Homes to restore it and ensure its resilience.

Built in 1929 by the McDowell family, owners of Charleston's Coca-Cola bottling plant, the house served as a beach retreat for company executives and their families. The McDowells paid just $10 for the property at a time when Folly had fewer than a dozen homes. It originally fronted Atlantic Avenue, a sandy oceanfront road platted in the 1920s. Beach erosion, accelerated by the 1940 hurricane, swept much of Atlantic Avenue and its neighboring cottages into the sea, leaving the Coca-Cola House as one of the last surviving ties to Folly's earliest era of residential development.

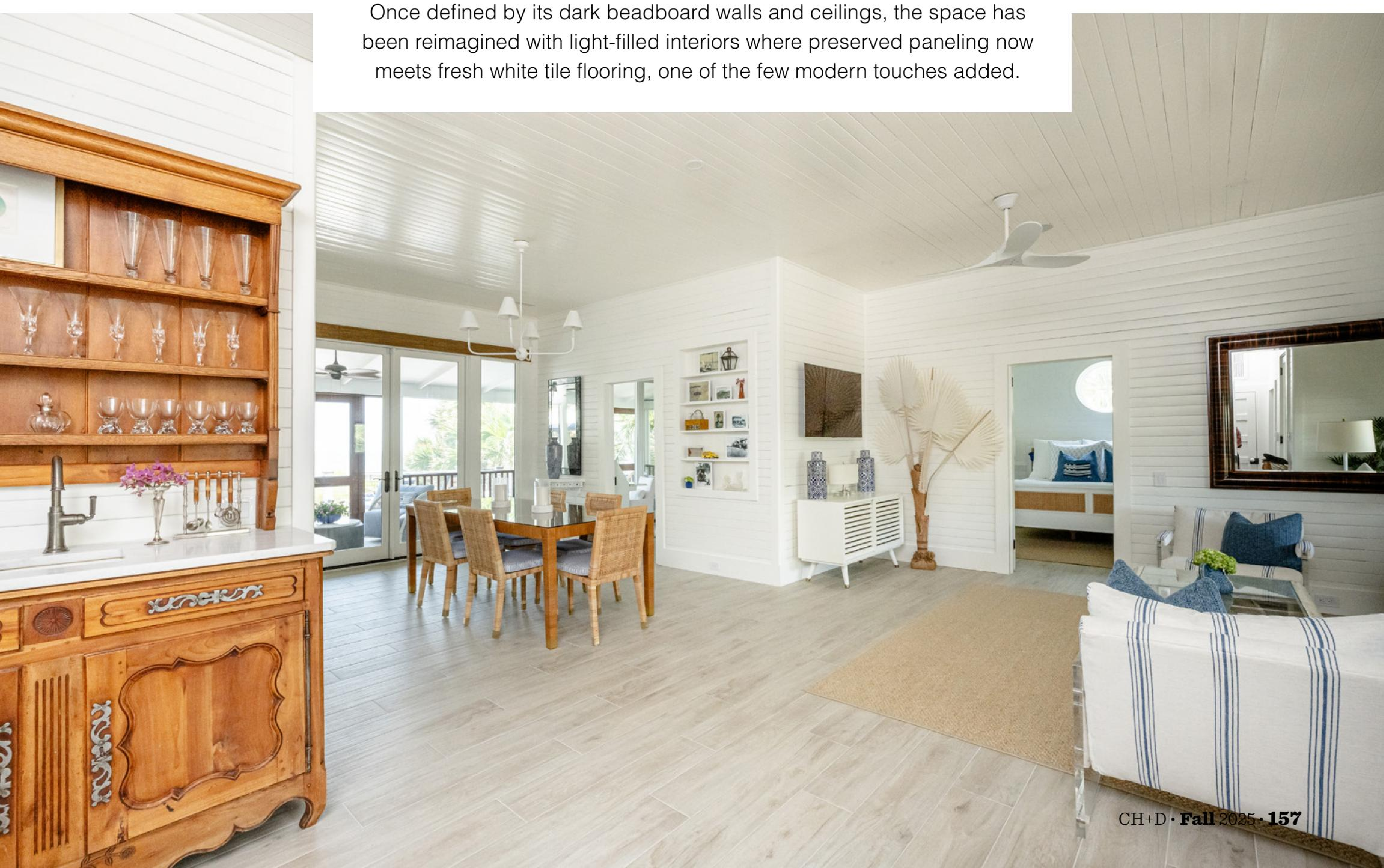
When the Gilder's purchased it, the structure was unstable, riddled with termite damage, rot, and mold. "At the time, we were doing a lot of historic restorations downtown," Adam recalls. "I never expected to be called out to Folly Beach for a project like this, preservation just wasn't happening here. But Wendy

Adam & Ben Copenhaver of CopeGrand Homes



Preservation Over Renovation

Once defined by its dark beadboard walls and ceilings, the space has been reimagined with light-filled interiors where preserved paneling now meets fresh white tile flooring, one of the few modern touches added.



cared deeply about rescuing properties—bringing them back and reimagining them in a new light. That passion gave us the opportunity to restore this particular home." Wendy agrees, "Against all odds, it's still standing, preserving it was not just about saving a structure. It was also about bringing this part of Folly's culture back to life."

Project manager Rodney Mahosky recalls bracing the house with diagonal supports just to keep it from swaying in the wind. "The hardest part was keeping it from falling," Adam says. One by one, foundation posts were replaced, and the house was stabilized from the ground up. "You can get close if you start over, but you can't get this," Adam adds.

CopeGrand preserved every beadboard wall, ceiling, and trim board possible. "We didn't waste a single piece of wood we could reuse," Adam says. "I wanted it to be clear this house is original. It's not new, and that's what makes it beautiful," Wendy adds.

While its charm remains intact, the structure now meets modern standards. The team installed impact-resistant windows, a standing-seam metal roof, cement board siding, stainless steel railings, and copper flashing. "This home is ready for the next fifty hurricanes," Adam says. Energy efficiency has also been dramatically improved, with insulation and new windows cutting utility costs to a fraction of what one would expect for oceanfront living.

Wendy guided the design decisions herself, though she insists she is not a designer by trade. Her vision centered on authenticity. The kitchen remains at the front of the home, overlooking the street rather than the beach. "Everyone expects a kitchen with a view, but I knew I couldn't move it without losing the spirit of the house," she says. Instead, the team extended the living room three feet into the porch and converted another section into a master closet. "It feels like it's always been this way," Adam reflects.

Jaclyn Crosby, Marketing Manager with CopeGrand, adds: "You have to appreciate the caliber of the house that was originally built through hurricanes and storms, this house still stood. That says something about the original builders and the ability for us to come behind them almost 100 years later and

(1) Cozy accessories from RH brings the owner's coastal sensibility to the design, with navy blue accents dotted throughout. ***(2)*** Cosmos star tile inspired the direction of both guest bathrooms. ***(3)*** An heirloom cabinet becomes a striking wet bar, while vintage Folly Beach photographs add effortless charm. ***(4)*** Spectacular views are enjoyed from the expansive ocean facing deck. ***(5)*** The kitchen renovation provided the opportunity to go wild with a custom terrazzo countertop by GlassEco Surfaces.

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bring it back to what it is today. As our team dug deeper into the history of the house, it became clear just how significant Coca-Cola's presence once was on Folly Beach. From the iconic Folly Pier, where the familiar red logo greeted beachgoers, to the local drugstore where bottles of Coke were a daily staple, Coca-Cola wasn't just a brand here—it was woven into the fabric of everyday life."

For the team, saving the house was as much about preserving community memory as keeping the architecture. "There wasn't a sign or anything—kids surfing in the 70s and families who lived on the island simply called it the Coca-Cola House. Restoring it means its story will continue," Wendy says. Adam agrees: "You can build something new and beautiful, but you can't recreate this character. That's the value Wendy saw, the value of preservation."✳

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(6) Sunlight pours through expansive windows and glass doors, transforming the dining area into a bright, coastal gathering place with ocean views at every meal.

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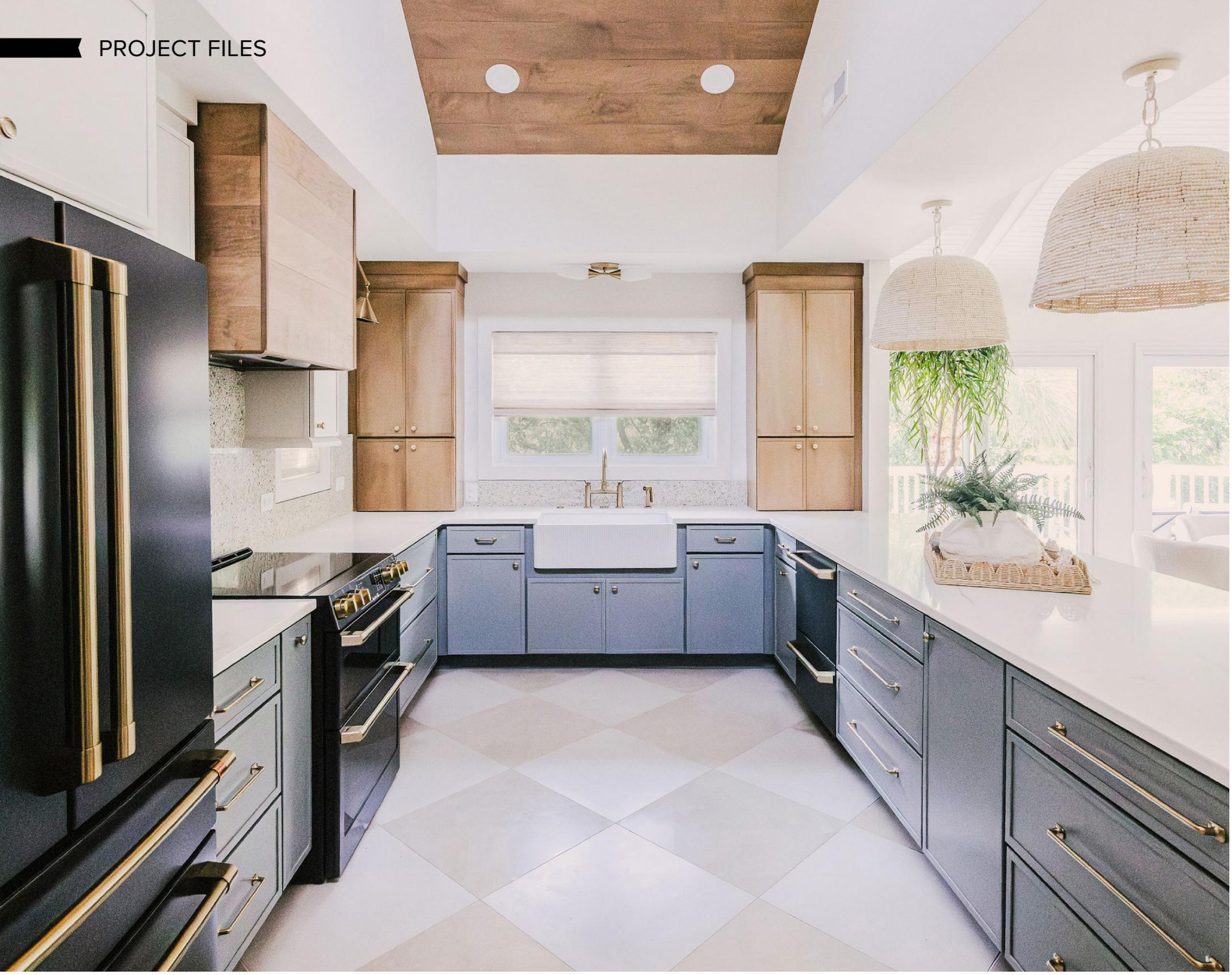

Written by Ashley Rowell | Photography by Mark Brooke

Curated Cabinetry

This cabinetry expert curates bespoke kitchen cabinetry to elevate homes with thoughtful upgrades.

Perhaps the sweetest spot in this renovated home is the kitchen, a collaboration between Zach Pfauth of Cabinet IQ of Charleston and Leila Muller of Poppy & Shae Design Co. Together, they transformed outdated rooms into highly functional, beautifully designed spaces. Cabinet IQ offers expertise in custom colorization and bespoke cabinetry on a short timeline.

The process began with an on-site consultation with the homeowner, Zach, and Leila to assess the kitchen and adjacent laundry room. They explored ways to enhance functionality, expand the layout, and establish a design direction that reflects the homeowner's request for an open, bright, and inviting space to share with family and friends. From the consultation, Zach developed designs for both the kitchen and laundry room with a cohesive palette and style, to ensure the two adjacent spaces flowed seamlessly together. The cabinetry hues were inspired by the home's Wild Dunes setting, to reflect the mature natural landscaping of Isle of Palms' north end.

An extensive renovation, the kitchen was taken down to the studs, with walls opened and rebuilt. New flooring was

Zach Pfauth of Cabinet IQ of Charleston

A Coastal Cookery

Cabinet IQ of Charleston and Poppy & Shae Design Co. collaborated to create a bright, coastal-inspired kitchen layered with custom details.

(above left) The white cabinetry in the laundry room complements the kitchen cabinetry in a coastal hue. ***(above right)*** This project's team converted this once small closet into a coffee bar with ample storage.

installed, and the cabinet design with every inch of space in mind. Special details were incorporated to bring beauty and function, including custom-painted cabinetry, a KitchenAid mixer cabinet with a hydraulic lift, and dedicated drawer organizers for plates and fine china. What was once a small closet is now a stylish coffee bar, with the laundry room upgraded for maximum storage.

Once construction by Badeau Builds was complete and the rooms were prepped, Cabinet IQ installed the custom cabinetry, followed by the installation of the countertops and backsplash sourced from Martol Marble and Granite of Charleston, along with finishing furniture pieces. The homeowners were away during this entire renovation, making the reveal of their fully transformed kitchen and laundry a "wow" moment.

The entire process spanned ten to twelve weeks. While timing and coordination were the biggest challenges, this seasoned team worked together to keep this project on track. "We were able to create designs that utilized every inch of space available while providing high-quality cabinetry with useful function. Every detail was meticulously thought through, and the result is a space that truly reflects the homeowner's vision," Zach says. ✴

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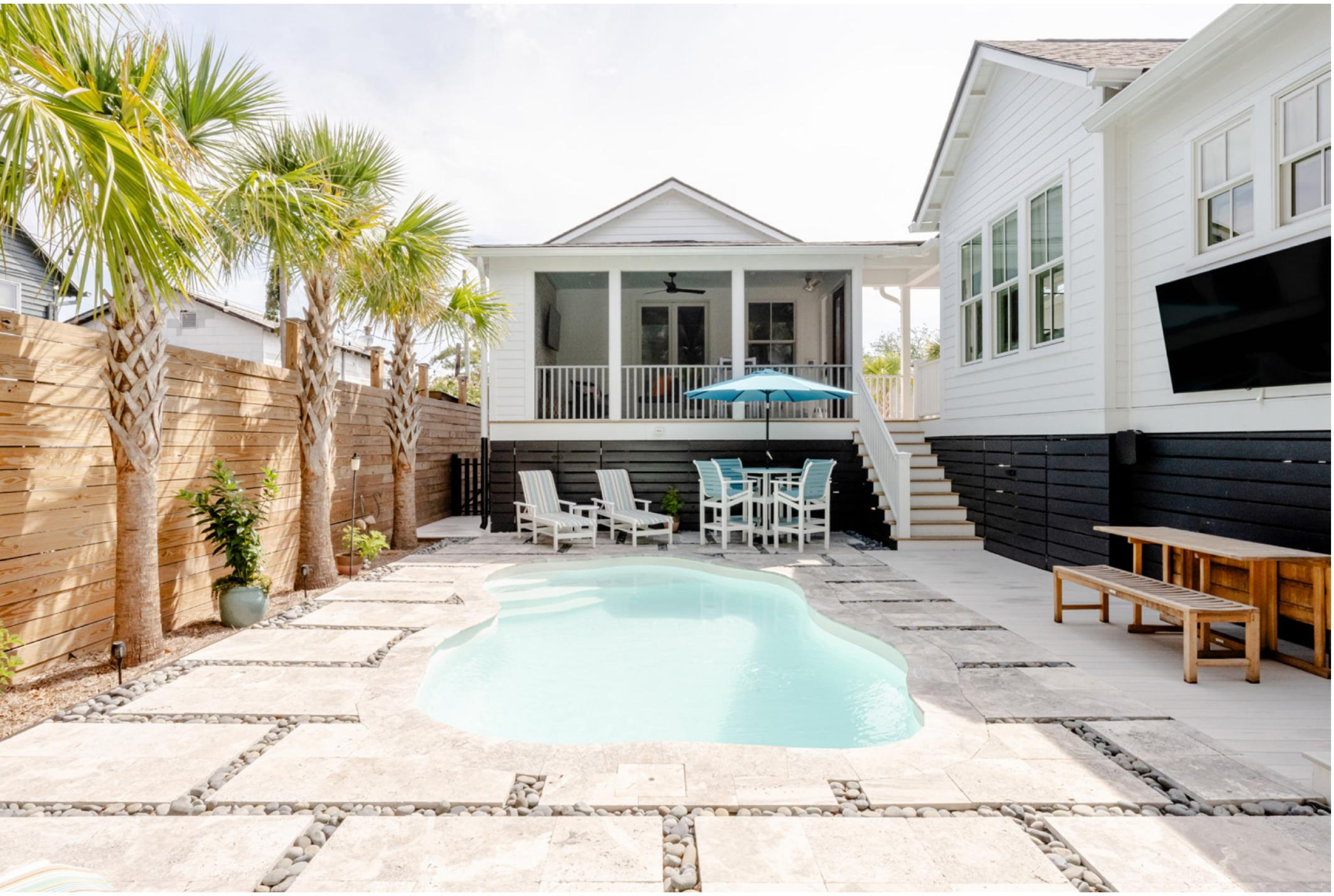
A Beach House Revival

Decades after surviving Hurricane Hugo, this Sullivans Island home received a renovation and addition it deserved.



Written by Ashley Rowell | Photography by Ruta Smith

Purchased in 1988, the home had good bones, even surviving Hurricane Hugo. “Once our kids grew up, we decided to return to the Lowcountry,” homeowner Mary Katherine shares, explaining that the bathrooms and kitchen were the top priority for the remodel. Because the home is on the historic register, the renovation required layers of approvals and careful preservation. This led them to work with Bridgeport Homes. Any exterior materials that needed replacing had to be swapped with like materials to retain the charm of an old Sullivan’s Island beach house. The home remained intact while Bridgeport Homes extended the rear, removing a dated bathroom addition and expanding the kitchen and great room. They also built a detached mother-in-law suite.

“With a home as old as this one, you never know what you’re going to get when you strip it down to the studs, and there is always the budget to consider,” Jamie Laird of Bridgeport Homes explains. Mary Katherine laughs, recalling, “They never let us go off the rails. They’d sit us down and say, ‘You told me this was your budget, and you’re not even close.’” For example, the homeowner had hoped for heart pine floors, but Jamie explained they, were beyond budget. Instead, they selected engineered flooring.

One interior wall had been constructed with fence pickets, which were far from structurally sound. Structural engineers were brought in, parts of the design were reworked, and unconventional materials were replaced. These challenges ultimately allowed the team to elevate the design, including carrying the vaulted ceiling seamlessly through the kitchen.

Restoring the home, back to its bones, became Jamie’s favorite part of the project. “These homes were originally just cottages for weekend getaways, never intended to be permanent residences,” he reflects. “Seeing the evolution

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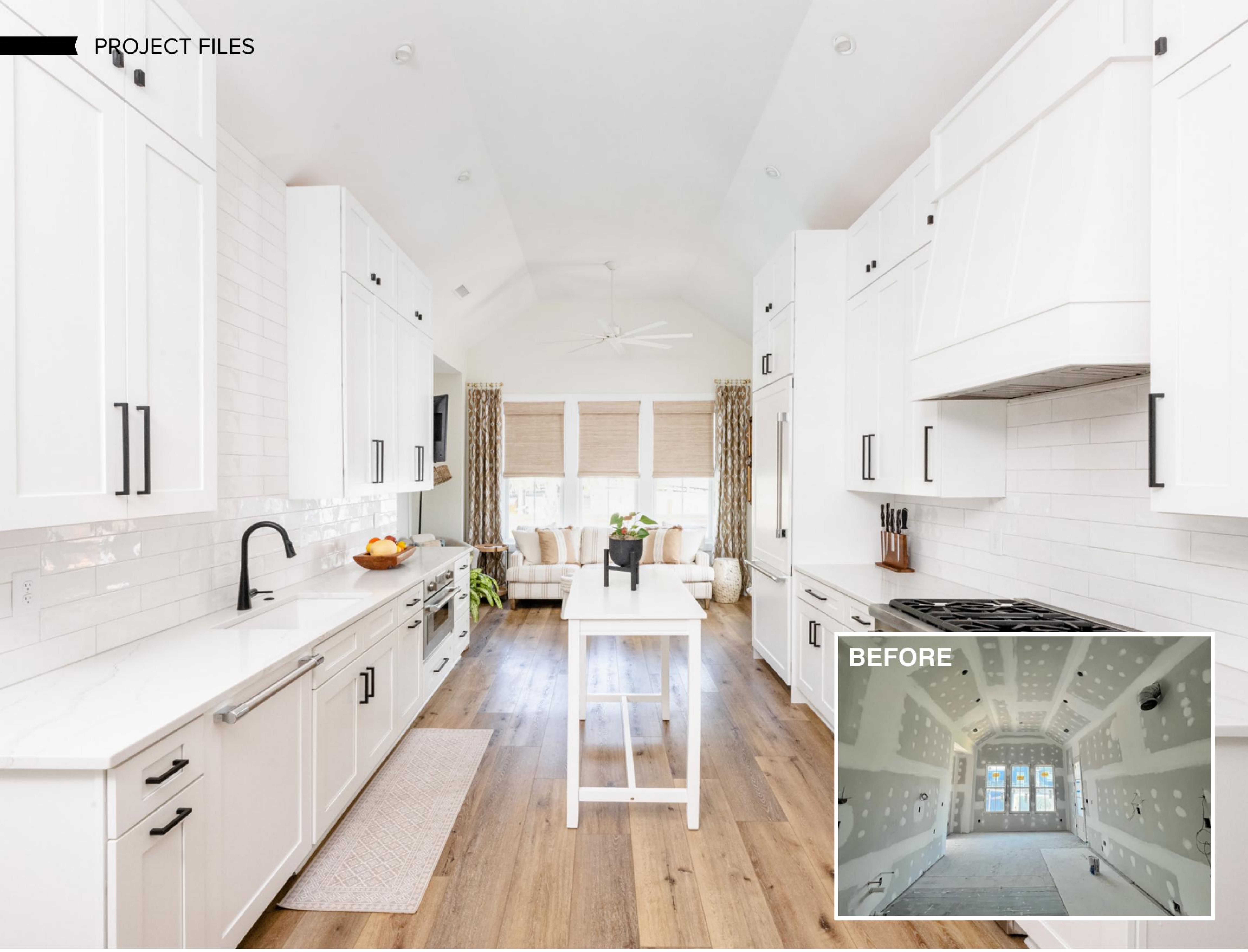
The ceiling was raised to create a more spacious feel, and a mother-in-law suite was added at the homeowner's request.



(above) The kitchen boasts a raised ceiling, something the homeowner always wanted. In the initial removal of the roof, Jaime discovered there were two roofs, someone had built one on top of the other. The removal of the roofs provided ample space for high ceilings.

Jamie Laird of Bridgeport Homes

of construction methods over the decades and carefully rebuilding the structure to modern standards was very rewarding."

On Middle Street, drainage has long been a challenge, so Bridgeport worked with Dryno Salas of Green Grass Landscape Contractor, LLC, to install an extensive drainage system that not only benefited the homeowners but also tied into neighboring properties to reduce flooding.

Around the pool, permeable pavers were used to manage runoff, while structural upgrades provided strength for added resilience. New footings, reinforced columns with steel plates, and improved bracing were paired with raising the grade under the house to accommodate the new drainage system.

Designed with Jamie's guidance, the pool is finished with a travertine patio and river rock joints in place of grass for durability and easy maintenance.

Through Bridgeport Homes' thoughtful collaboration with the architect, as well as the landscape and drainage contractors, the team transformed the historic property with a seamless addition and renovation in a year. ✳

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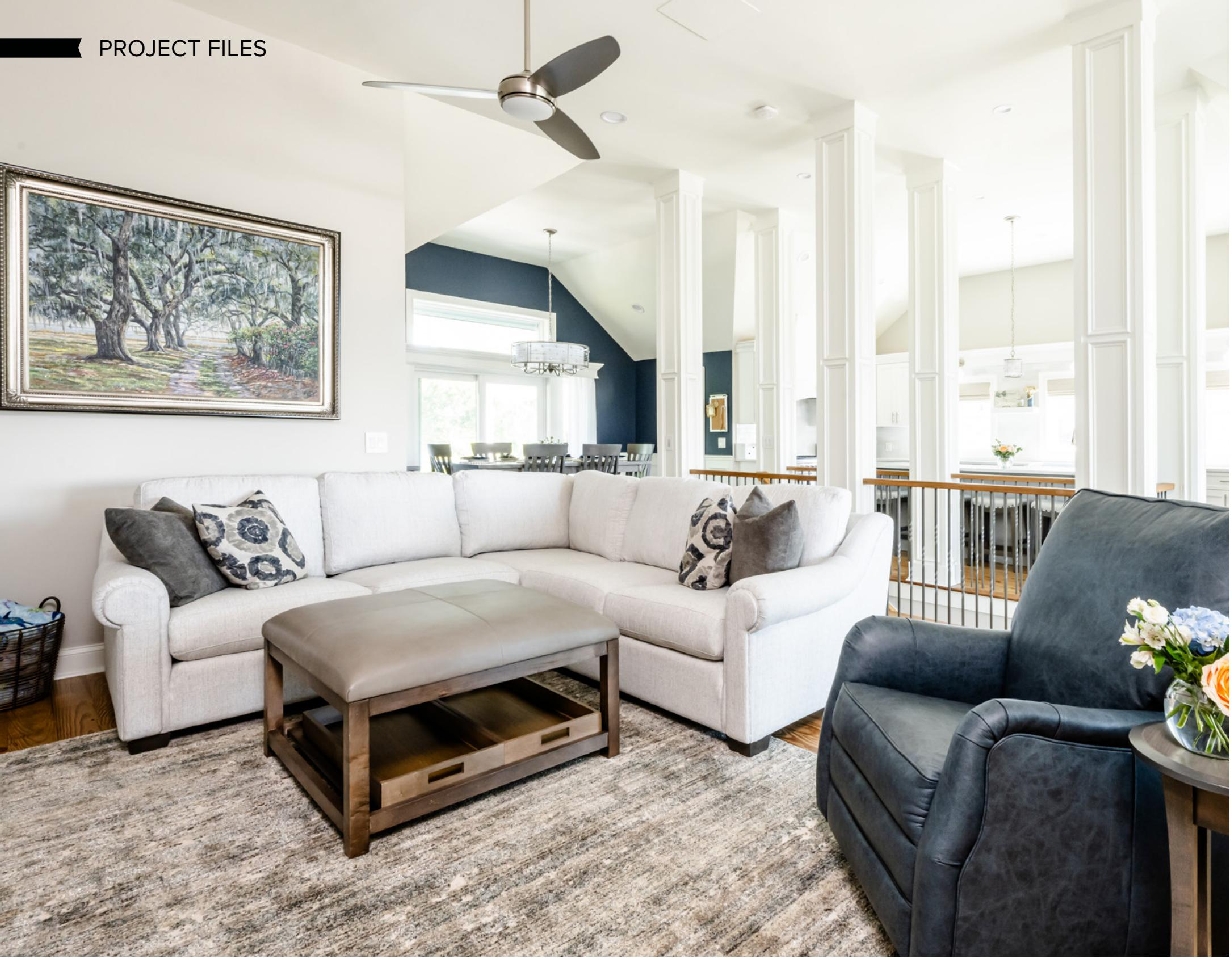

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Perfectly Placed

Inside a custom-furnished Isle of Palms home where form meets function in every handcrafted piece.

When local homeowners Jennifer and Jeff made the move to Isle of Palms, they brought with them a vision: a home that felt tailored, not just in style, but in scale. The island charm and sea breeze called for comfort and character, but the unique room dimensions presented a challenge. Charleston Amish Furniture was the perfect partnership for their home.

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The living room strikes a warm and welcoming tone, complete with plush seating that holds up well, even with the family's beloved dog claiming his spot for daily snuggles. "It's soft, it's durable, and somehow always looks fresh," the homeowner shares.

Jeff's home office is a true showstopper with a custom walnut waterfall desk with a river of aqua epoxy running through its center. "The morning light streams right across it, and everyone who sees it says it's

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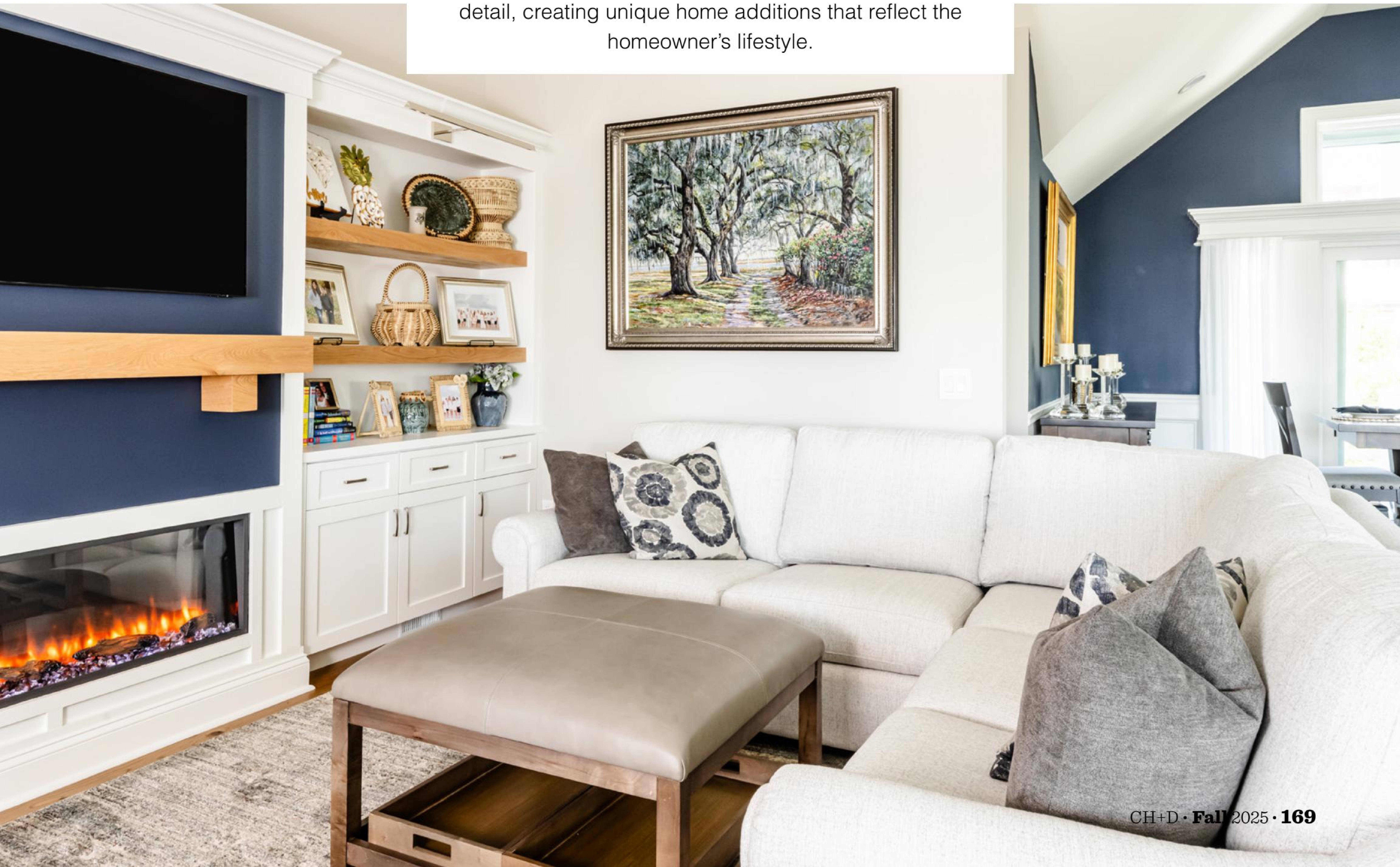

(above) These homeowners chose the wood species, finish, and stain of their custom-made pieces with the hands-on design consultations offered inside the Charleston Amish Furniture showroom.

their favorite room in the house," he says. A leather desk chair offers all-day comfort, while the entire space feels peaceful and personal.

In the dining area, the soaring ceilings required a unique counter-height Buxton table to achieve scale. A custom ambrosia maple top in a carbon finish unified the room's vision and colors. Jennifer added her touch with custom-upholstered dining chairs with swivel function, combining elegance with effortless living.

From entryway to office, dining to downtime, every piece of furniture in the home was designed using Charleston Amish Furniture's modern, in-store design center, but built by Amish master craftsmen in Amish country, and delivered straight to the Lowcountry. "We didn't just furnish our home, we built it carefully, piece by piece," Jennifer says. And that's precisely the difference that Charleston Amish Furniture brings. The attention to proportion, purpose, and timeless beauty are all hallmarks of their custom Amish-crafted design process. ✳

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Craig's Next Chapter

The birthplace of Sewing Down South, Craig Conover reimagines his 1970s Colonial with a layered landscape and space designed to host with open comfort among citrus groves and fragrant gardens.

Written by Micaela Arnett
Photography by Callie Webster,
Kathryn Franklin, and Kelly Parrish

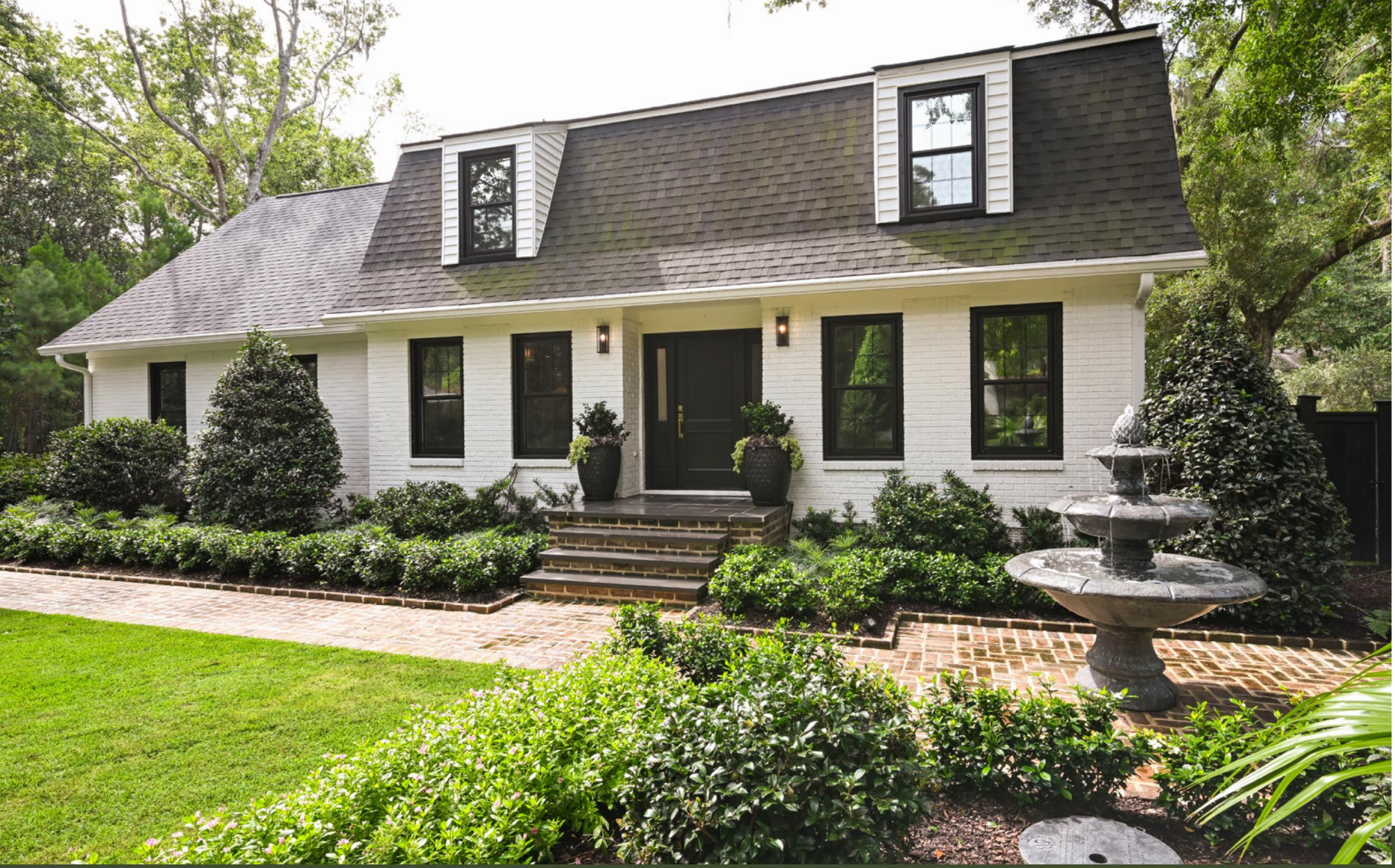
> *“I was looking for a neighborhood that reminded me of home.”*

Craig Conover reveals the recent multi-phased renovation of his Mount Pleasant home. He gives *Charleston Home + Design* readers an exclusive first look at the updated exterior and inside, a guest-ready retreat with an entertainer’s kitchen overlooking a resort-style pool and deck, with a layered landscape.

Most evenings, at least those off-camera, Craig winds down on his refinished screened porch, one of the only spaces designed in the renovation for solitude. From this hideout, he can see the pool deck, the outdoor kitchen, and the putting green, all enclosed by lush bamboo and tropical plantings. In the corner of the lawn live his

bees. In the other, his vegetable garden. The grill is just steps away from it all, with perfect sight of the citrus trees that edge the property. “It’s always a staycation when I’m home,” Craig says, “COVID really helped us invest in where we’re living.”

“My goal for this renovation was to feel the way I do when I pull into my parents’ driveway.” He laughs, “It just took a while.” That feeling of arrival is the thread that weaves together his house, his brand Sewing Down South, and his life in Charleston. Despite a decade of stardom on Bravo TV’s *Southern Charm,* design is not about staging or performance from his perspective. This home design is more about creating a space where things can grow and evolve with room to breathe and change, much like Craig has over the years. Here in his Mount Pleasant renovation, he reveals a space focused on fostering connection, where relationships and creative ideas thrive.



(*above*) The old and dated brick was painted a fresh white, while modern black-cased windows contribute to the updated farmhouse feel. **(*opposite*)** Classic shaker-style cream cabinets with modern linear hardware marry Craig's affinity for country charm with European influence. A tiny two-seater breakfast nook provides a view of the new front lawn.

Finding Home

When Craig first moved to Charleston over ten years ago, he lived downtown, just steps away from the hustle and bustle of his former days. He later ventured into the Old Village, but something still didn't feel like home. Both neighborhoods offered charm, but he eventually realized he wanted something more long-term, a place he could begin his future family one day. "I was looking for a neighborhood that reminded me of home," he says, recalling his childhood in Delaware.

When Craig was ready to purchase, home was found in a golf course community with young families and leafy streets, one of Mount Pleasant's first suburban communities. A traditional colonial-style built in the early 1970s, Craig says this was "As colonial as it gets, set on more than an acre." It had good bones, a traditional elevation, and room to grow. It also carried the quirks of age.

A dark brick exterior sat on a large wooded lot. It's easy to picture the once chopped-up floor plan, worn finishes, and systems that would eventually reveal their flaws, like the massive hole in the kitchen floors from an appliance that probably predates Craig himself.

Still, he saw great possibilities for his future in the structure and its surroundings. "It felt like a canvas," he says. Practical considerations mattered, too, of course. He heard the usual horror stories of new construction, including strict covenants and neighbors ready to complain about a weekend grill-out. "You can't pick your neighbors," Craig says, "but luckily I like mine."

The home's footprint offered privacy and scale, the right ingredients for what would become a complete reinvention. "I'm a function guy. That's why I worked with so many different designers. I'm very collaborative. I brought in people with really great visions, mixed and matched them, and made something cohesive," he shares.

The Commitment of Change

The first phase of the project seemed modest with the removal of an interior wall to open up the floor plan. But one project led to another, and soon Craig found himself amidst a full-on renovation after a plumbing mishap in the kitchen flooded the rest of the house. While this was remedied, the construction team discovered asbestos, which ultimately led to a larger decision for the overhaul. "With older homes, if you don't do it one hundred percent the first time and you just bandage, it's hard to undo," Craig explains. Instead of patching, he committed to a complete renovation once he realized the issues at hand. Luckily, his father's construction background informed his decision, so he wasn't daunted by what others might see as setbacks. The transformation was dramatic. The exterior kitchen wall was knocked down and replaced with a large slider. A screened porch was rebuilt with a clever privacy wall that shields views from neighbors and dampens sound.

On Sundays We Sew
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COOKING WITH CRAIG

For Craig, the kitchen design is one of the most personal. "Designing my own kitchen was a dream. I love to cook, so I wanted the layout to be exactly how I move in a space," he says. At this point in the project, Craig immersed himself in the cabinet design process, learning how proportions affect the eye and how drawers versus doors shape daily function. "It had me completely enamored," he recalls.

The final design allows him to face guests while cooking, prep on generous counters, and keep the mess at bay in his deep farmhouse sink. The kitchen now flows directly to the backyard through the sliding door, allowing the oasis to be part of the conversation for guests indoors or out. Circulation is effortless, whether it's just Craig preparing a weeknight dinner or hosting a houseful of friends.

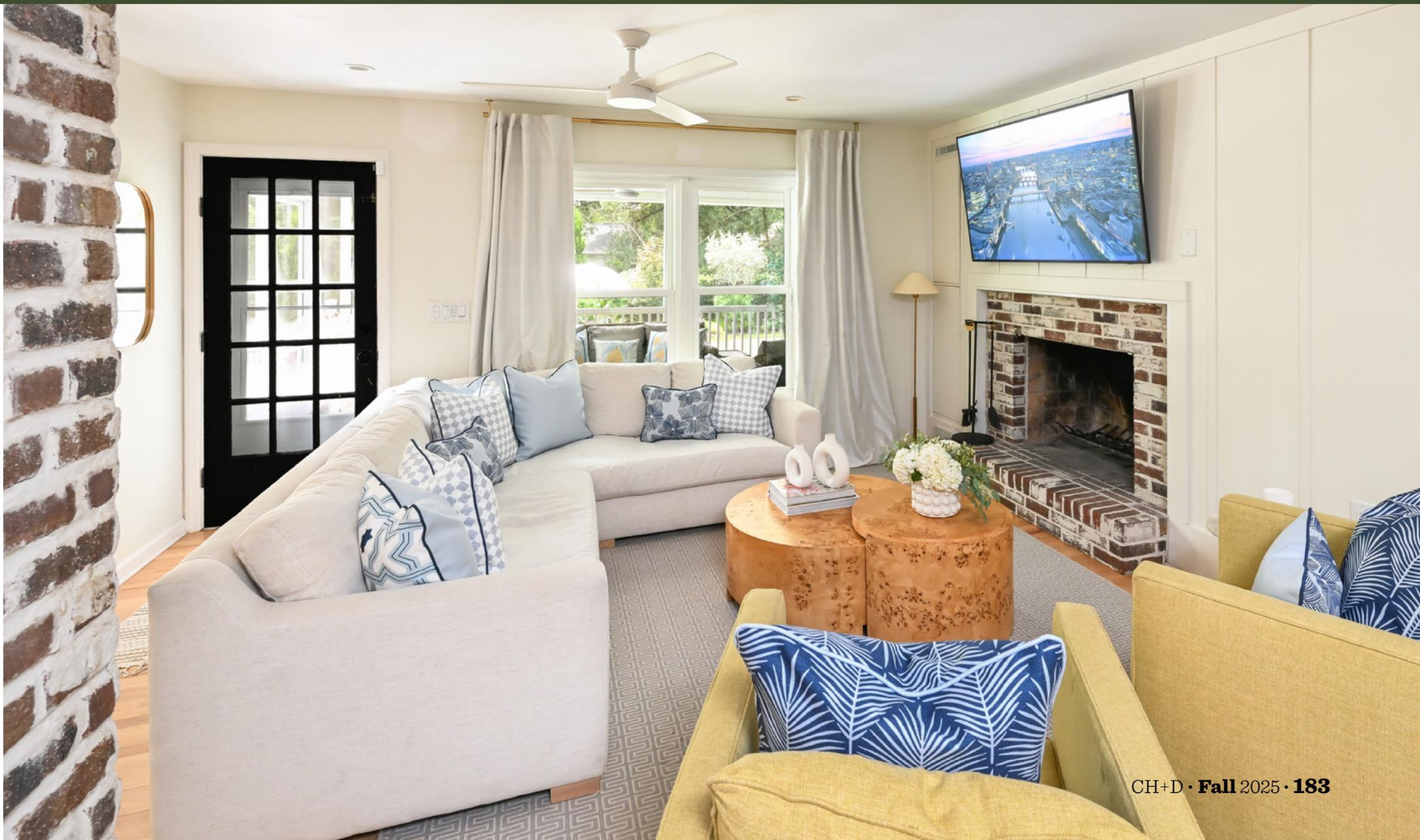
Inside the original footprint, Craig turned certain rooms into purpose-built spaces. Upstairs, hidden from view, the sewing room nods to Sewing Down South, giving him a private place to create and test ideas. A reorganized closet now functions like a small dressing room. Bathrooms were gutted and rebuilt with storage and finishes that balance modern convenience with traditional bones. The staircase, for example, required structural repairs rather than cosmetic ones. Refinishing the hardwood floors unified the main level, giving the Colonial a sense of flow it never had. Around the first floor, a curated brick veneer wall added subtle texture and a backdrop for art.

Craig's style reflects a balance of farmhouse comfort drawn from his mother's taste, tempered by a pull toward clean, almost European lines. "Visually, I'm drawn to modern, but coziness takes precedence over everything," he says.

The Green Light

The interior now fosters a comfortable daily routine while the outdoor setting keeps his creativity flowing. "One day I was on the phone, standing in the overgrowth, and a snake

(*below*) The living room color scheme was inspired by the Lowcountry, with soft blues, greens, and yellows. A burlwood set of nesting tables introduces subtle texture, allowing his Sewing Down South pillows to take the spotlight.



(*above right*) A sweet spot to gather, the dining room is now a part of the greater hosting spots like the kitchen and living room, where walls were torn down for connection.

crawled over my boot," he remembers. "That was it. That was the day I greenlit the outdoor phase, and I'm so glad I did. It's the real MVP of the property," he says.

"It's funny because I come from a great family, but a lot of the stuff I do I'm doing for the first time; I don't have an older sibling to ask. I recall that when I first started, I was pretty confused by the process," he tells us. Thankfully, his connection with Kebb at SiteWorks proved to be spectacular. "He walked the space with me and listened to what I wanted to say. He got to hear the why behind what I wanted, and he turned that into this design you see here," he shares proudly. "He built me a beautiful vegetable garden with irrigation that integrates seamlessly with the rest of the yard, which is half turf and half grass.

One of the challenges was focusing on the present rather than the future. Kebb also worked on the front yard. I've always wanted a water feature. He built a nice reading area out of an unused space near the property line. The landscaping brought a lot of wildlife in, which makes it all feel more alive," he adds. Craig regularly has visits from bird and butterfly families throughout the seasons, thanks to the pollinator plants introduced in the redesign. Mature plantings anchor the design, with selections that feel natural rather than defensive. Many are local; some were brought in from Florida for variety and resilience. Craig's love of citrus inspired rows of lemon, lime, and grapefruit trees. Blueberries and blackberries line the other edges, making a morning walk through the yard feel like a small harvest. A vegetable garden with irrigation ties

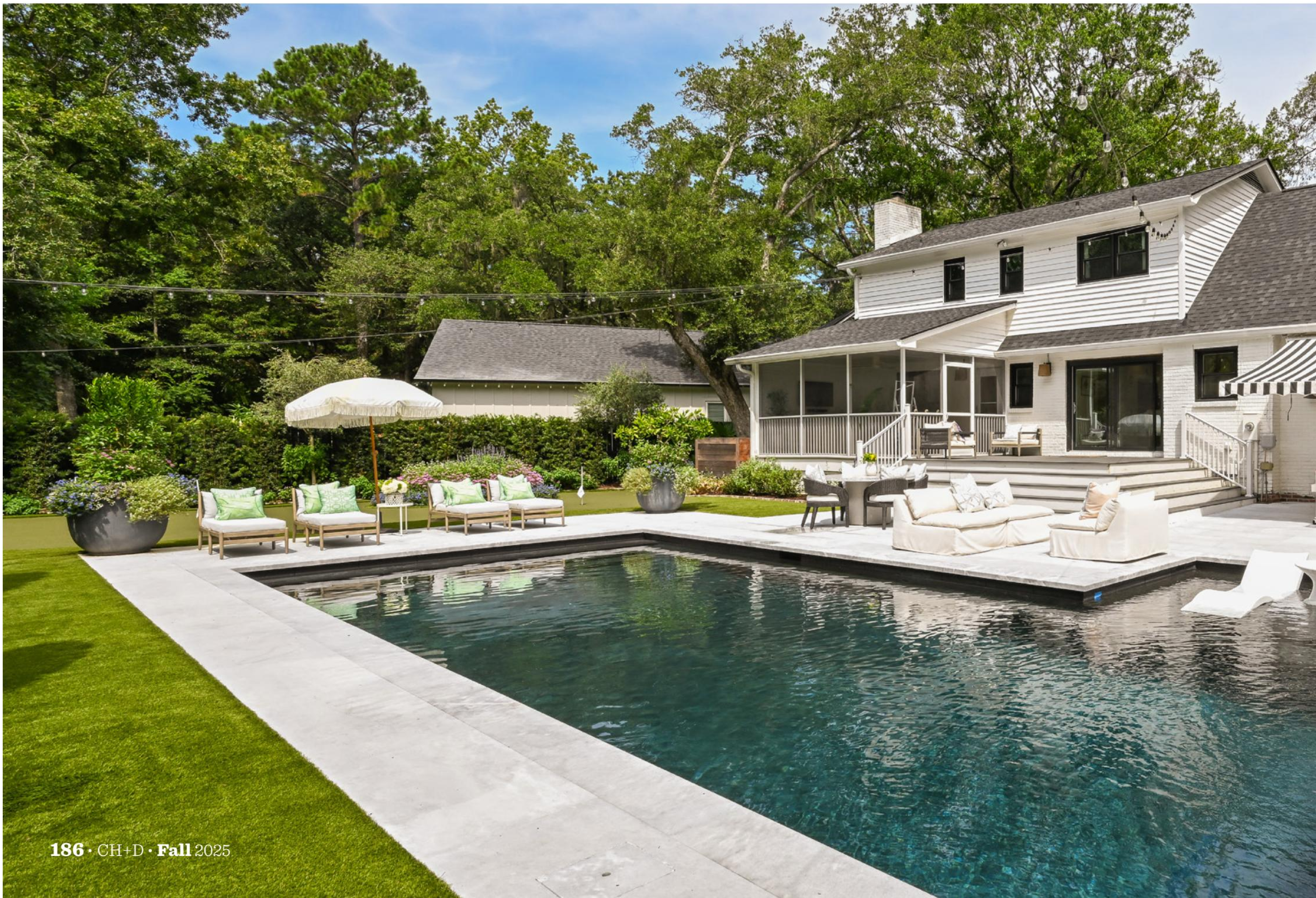
“The art is the best representation of who I am in the design.”

into a lawn plan of half turf, half grass, balancing play and maintenance. In the front yard, Kebb created a planting plan that shifts fragrance seasonally. "I wanted it to smell like a perfume bottle. At different times of year, the aroma changes," he says. Wildlife soon followed with songbirds, butterflies, and the occasional rabbit.

Beyond the landscaping, a grand pool and deck were constructed in tandem with Meadows Pool, streamlining logistics. The deck lined with marble pavers feels as much like a resort as a sandy beach would. The integrated spa features soothing water elements and fire bowls, adding to the ambiance at night.

The Art of Hosting

If the kitchen was designed for Craig, the backyard was designed with everyone else in mind. "Cooking brings people together, and I love to host," he says. Summers in Delaware shaped that view. About a decade ago, his parents added a pool to their own backyard, and his father now says he wishes they had done it sooner. "Hearing that from my dad, who's not materialistic, really stuck with me," Craig says.



From then on, his decisions were guided by a simple question: What would my guests want? The result is a backyard that feels like a resort but functions like a family space. Specifically seamless movement between grill, pool, and deck, with shaded zones for conversation and an open lawn for play. “The porch is more for me,” Craig admits, “The rest is for the crowd.”

Inside and out, the renovation reflects Craig’s evolved identity. Artwork has become the most personal layer. “It has to be something you love. For me, the art is the best representation of who I am in the design,” he says. Though this was an extensive renovation, he knew he couldn’t change everything. “The one thing I couldn’t fix was the water pressure,” Craig admits. “Old pipes are old pipes,” he laughs.

The Business of Craig

Though this is a story about home, Craig’s career inevitably runs parallel. What began as a hobby of sewing pillows in his living room became Sewing Down South, now an eight-figure home brand with multiple stores. Skepticism at the start only fueled his persistence. He’s been known to tell folks, “Keep every stone they throw at you,” he says. “You’ve got castles to build.”

This summer, Craig presented Sewing Down South at the Small Business Showcase at the U.S. Capitol. At the same time, the brand launched its first clothing collection with Belk’s Crown & Ivy label, a pastel-infused nod to Charleston living. Craig is eager to share the winter collection in stores nationwide. For Craig, the connection between his business and his home is seamless. Both are built on collaboration, creativity, and the courage to take risks. “Egos kill businesses,” he says. “The most successful teams are filled with people who are good at things you aren’t.”

New Growth

The Colonial may be finished, but Craig’s creative momentum is not. A new venture, The Waverly, promises to expand his footprint in Charleston as a premier event location. About starting new endeavors, Craig insists, “Don’t wait for permission to do stuff. Just go for it. We all know about Julia Childs and Martha Stewart, who are

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> *“The porch is more for me, the rest is for the crowd.”*

"I thrive in collaborative environments."

known for doing what they do, because they just did it. I might not be the best pillow designer, but I'm still making them. That's the difference."

Craig often describes his life as a process of cultivation. Like a garden, it requires patience, care, and resilience. "Now, I finally have a place that feels peaceful to me," he says, "I can walk the yard, pick a blueberry, and know I created this." For Craig, creation is not just about houses, or pillows, or even ventures to come. It's about the daily act of tending something with intention. In Charleston, he's found his soil, planted roots, and is now reaping what he's "sewn". ✳

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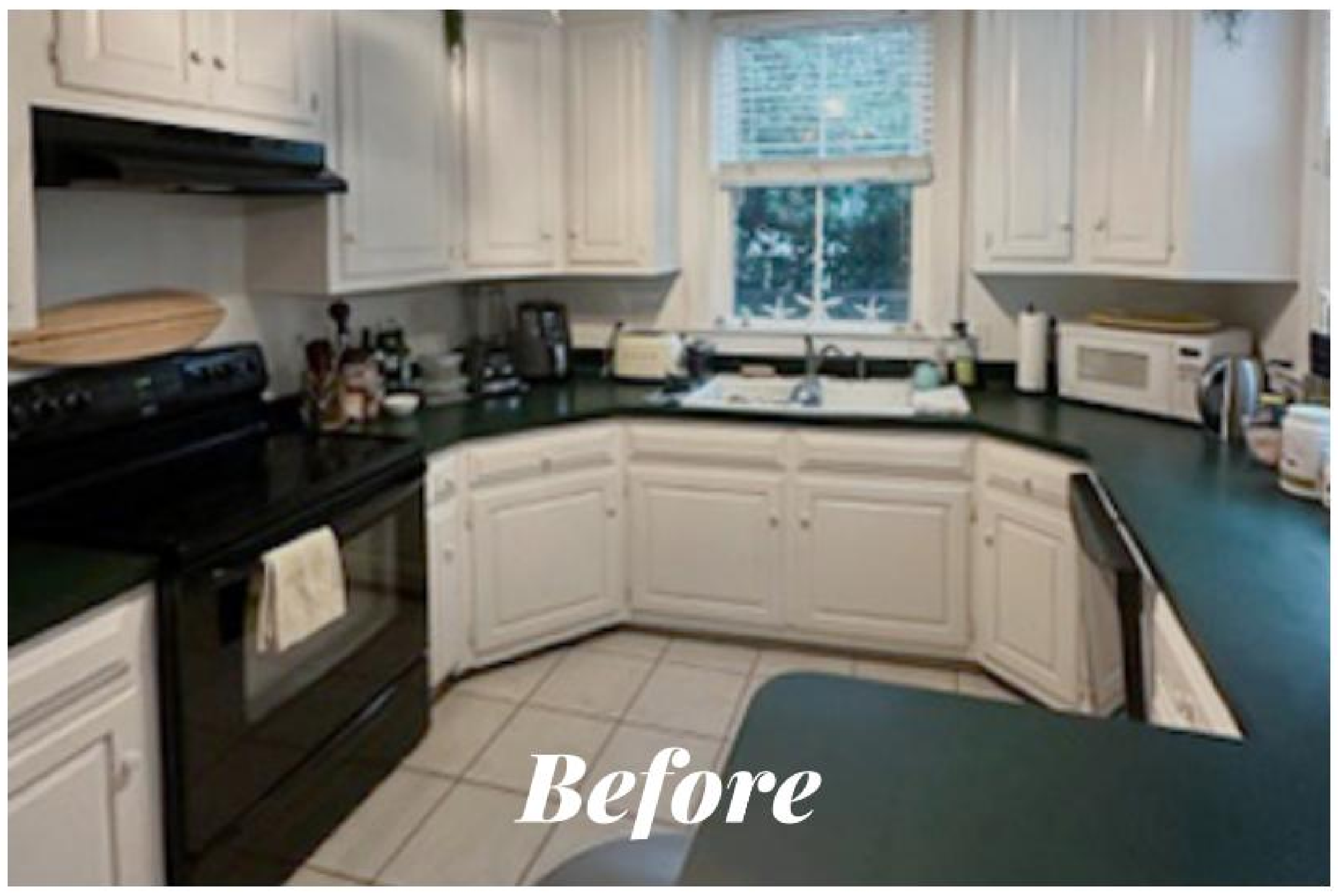

Interior designers Ellen Guerra and Cameron Elliot of Ace 9 Interiors partnered with Lucia Mastronardi and Jessica Miner at the Charleston Design Center for this stunning downtown kitchen renovation. This tiny kitchen was designed for making meals despite its size. Paneled appliances alongside new cabinets and floors transformed this space with style and function.

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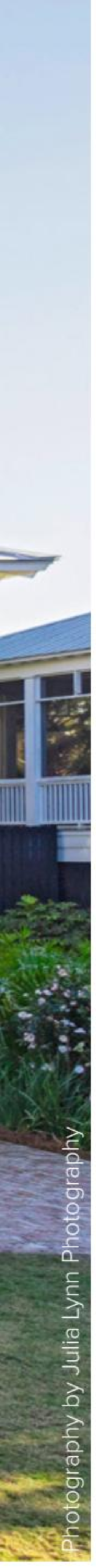

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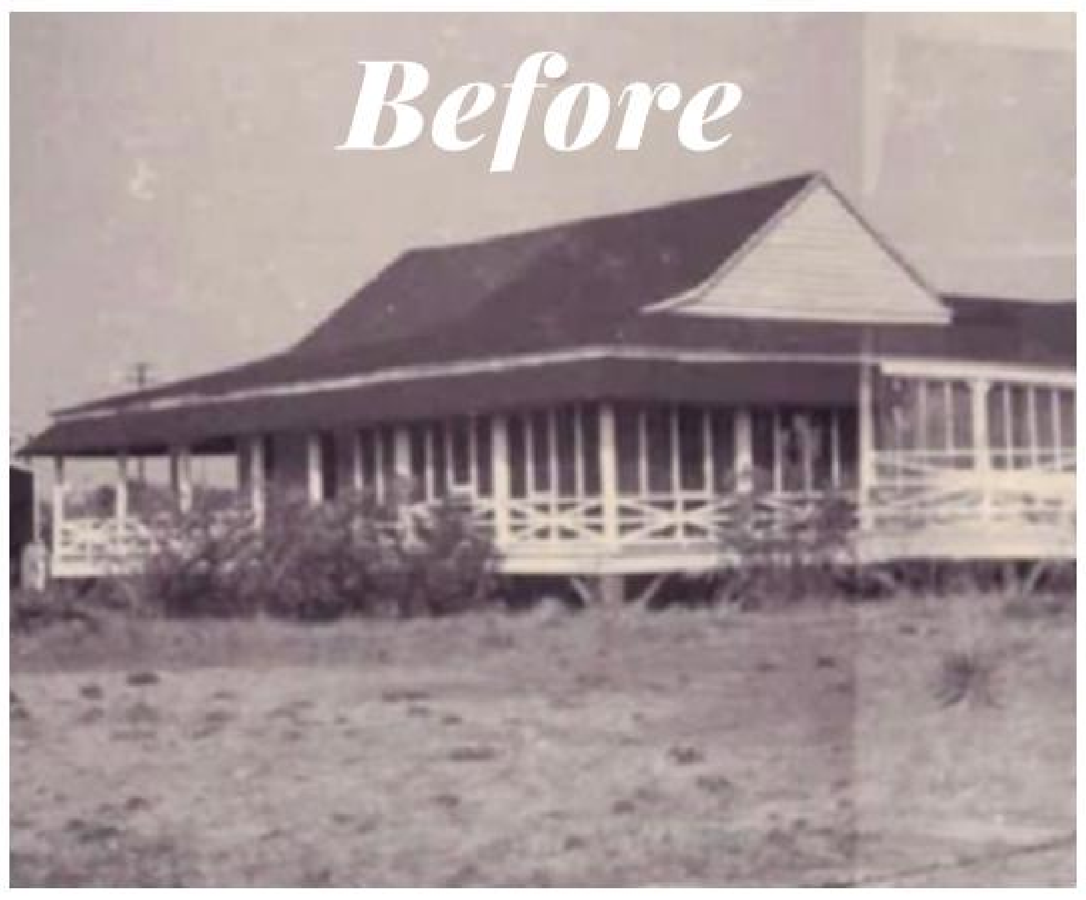

This site's original structure was lost in Hurricane Hugo and years of small updates required what was left of the home to be revamped from the ground up.

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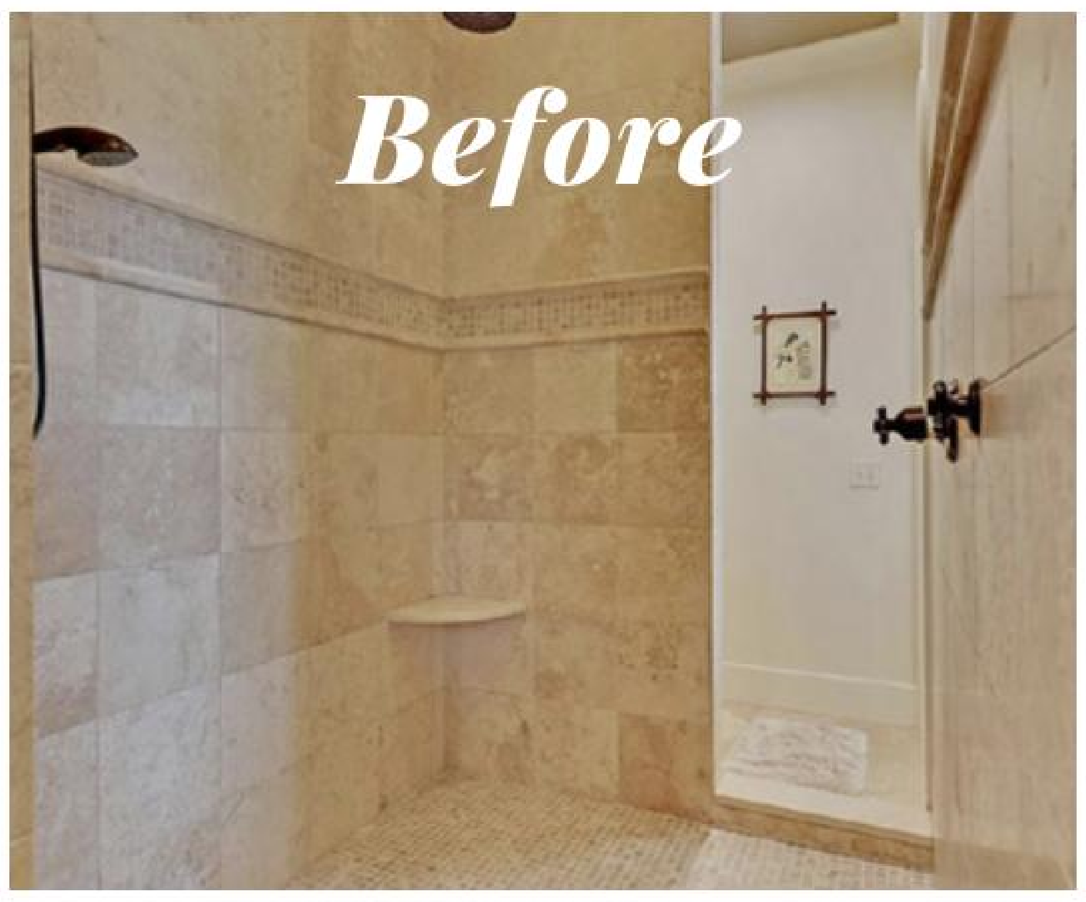

To make the home feel truly their own, the homeowners partnered with Jaime Albert Designs and Watsky & Wieters Construction for a multi-bathroom renovation. Large-scale porcelain was hand-selected from Melcer Tile to reflect their sense of style with dual shower heads in a satin brass finish.

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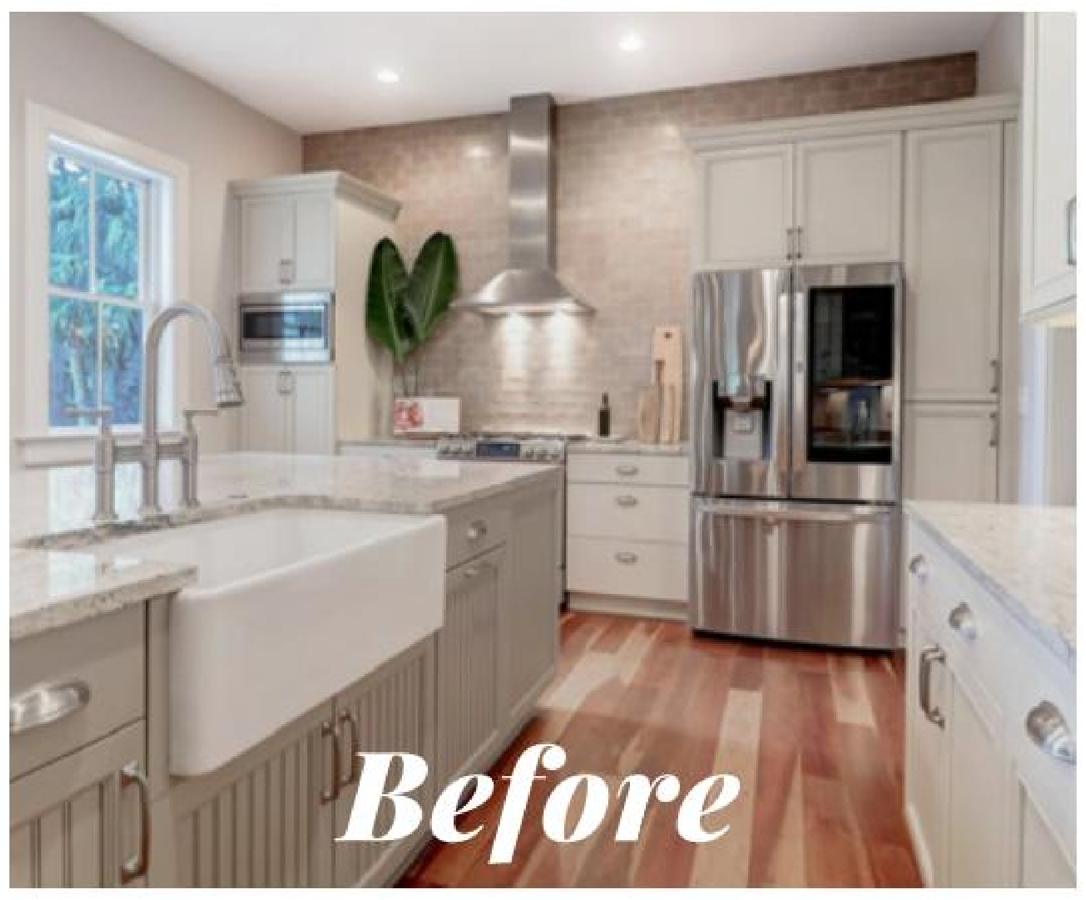
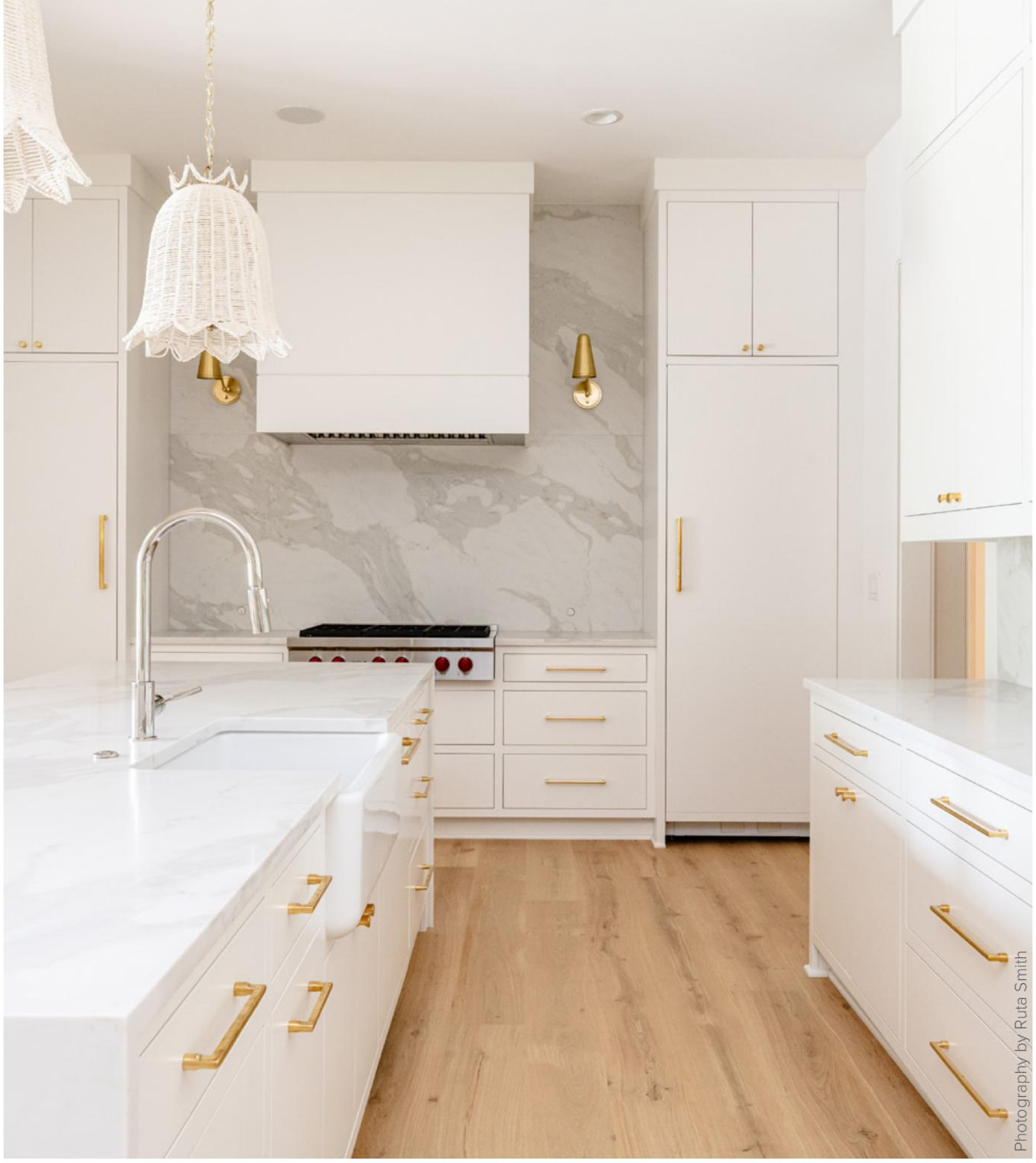


This outdated kitchen received a light and bright upgrade, complete with new countertops and a matching backsplash to elevate the fresh range and ceiling-height perimeter cabinets with paneled appliances.

Custom Cabinetry by Classic Kitchens of Charleston, classickitchensofcharleston.com



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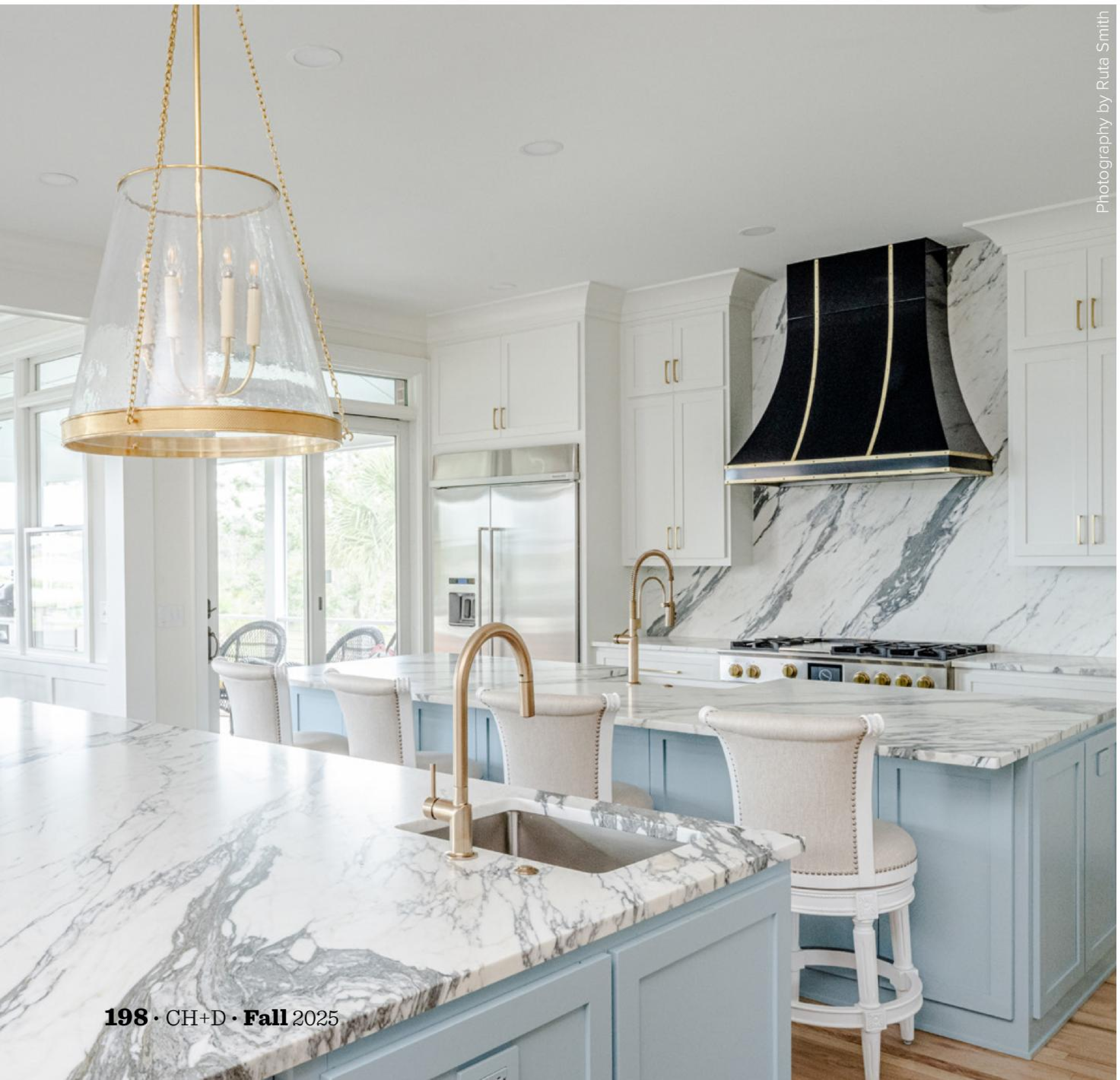

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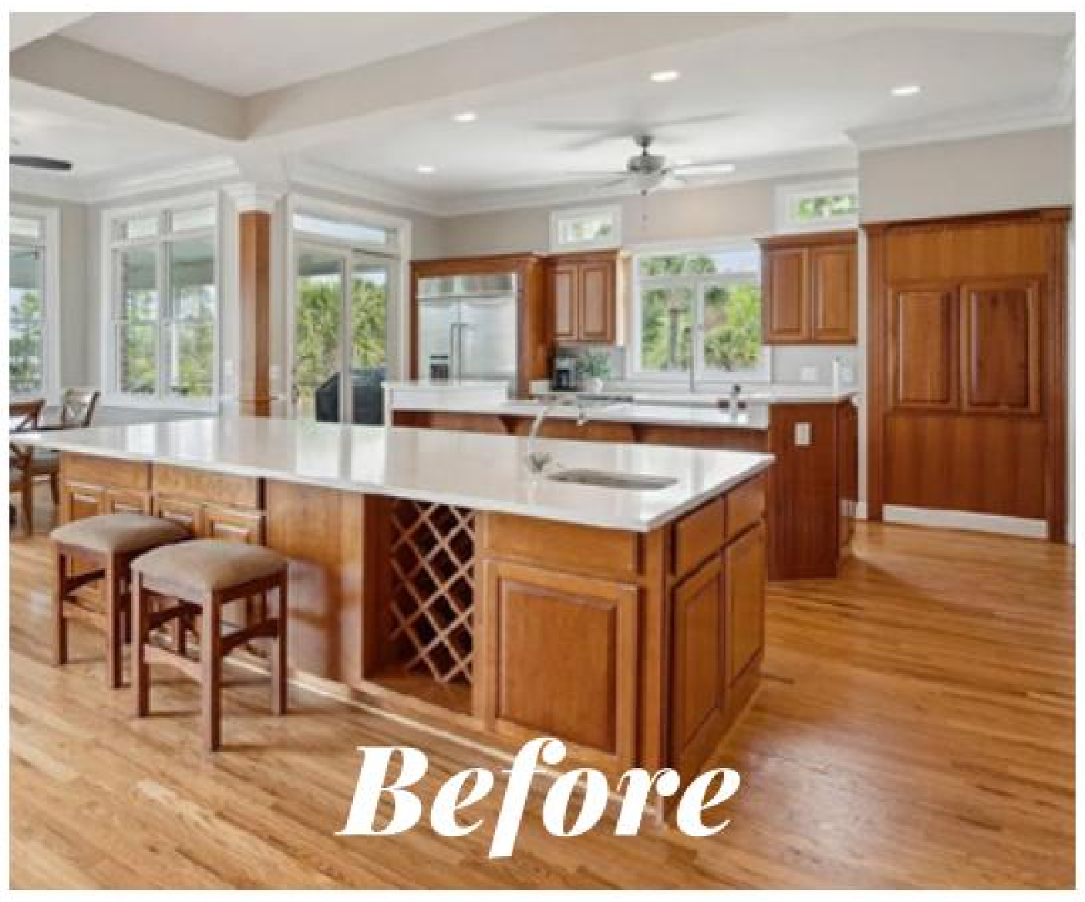

Once a bulky, traditional kitchen with dark, worn wood cabinetry, this space now reads bright, elegant, and coastal. Light finishes and a continuous expanse of white marble, fabricated by Universal Marble & Granite, extend across the countertops and full-height backsplash.

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The clients' original kitchen was small, cramped, and lacked storage, so Maverick Construction opened up the space by removing a load-bearing wall and raising the adjacent floors, creating a bright, airy layout. Amber Jackson's design added a large island with ample seating and storage, a 48" refrigerator/freezer, a custom hood, a wet bar with panel-ready appliances, two spacious pantries, and a butler's pantry.

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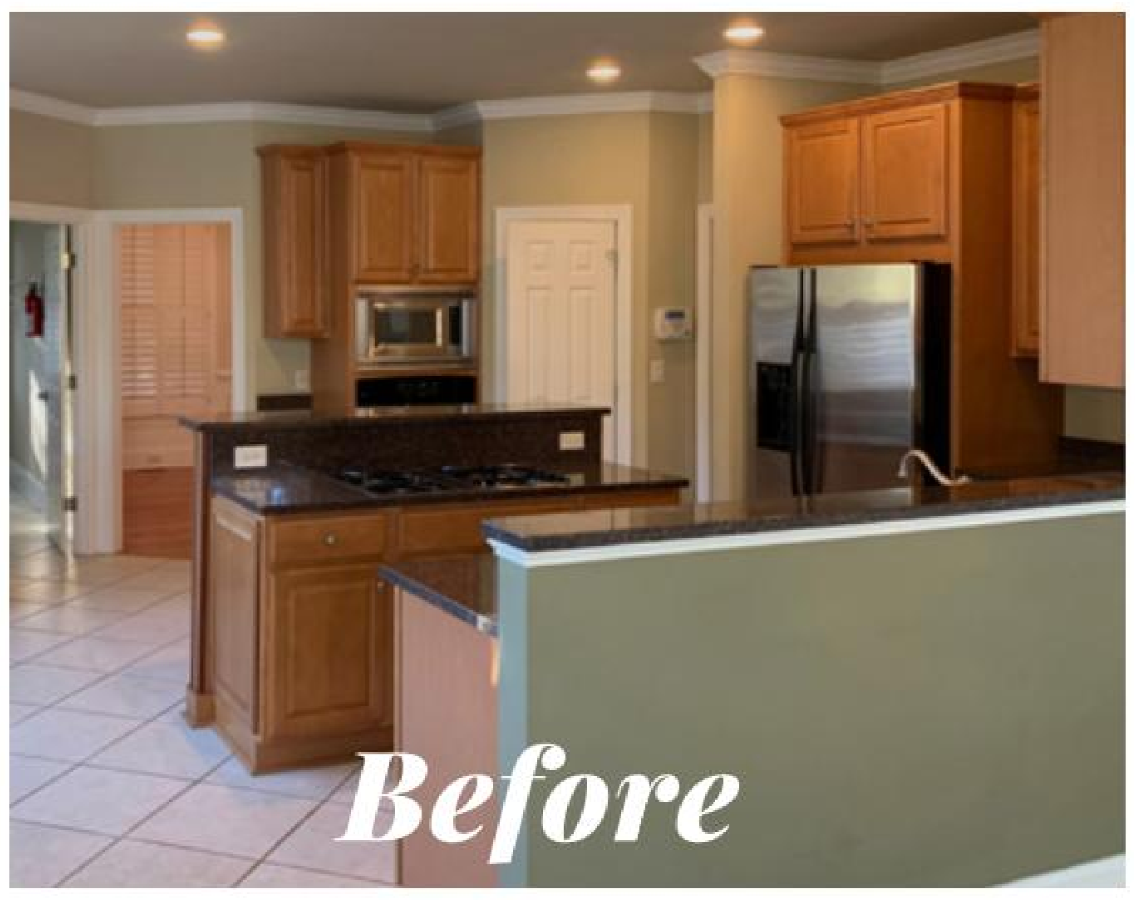
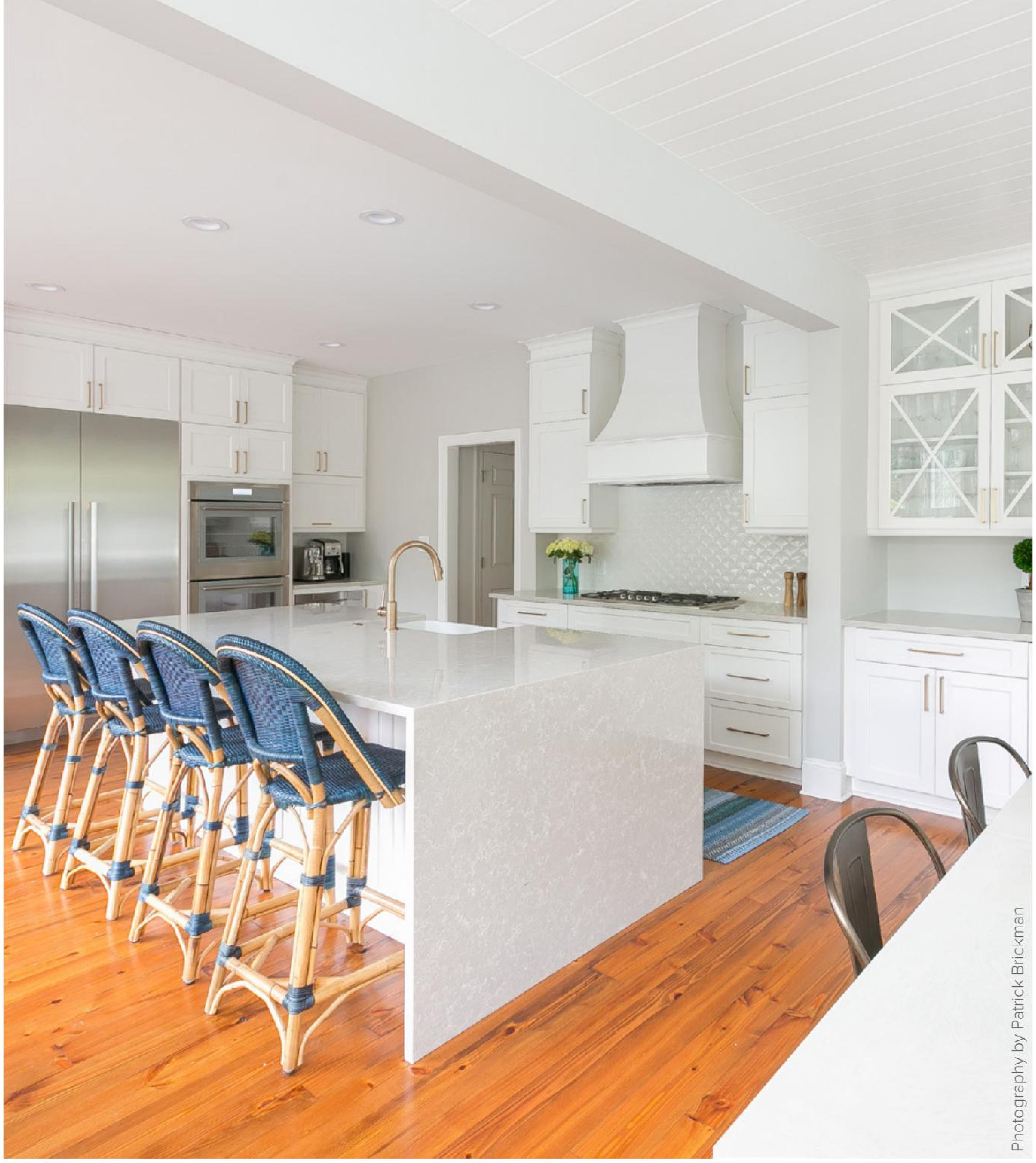


“This is a kitchen we overhauled as part of a whole-house remodel. We opened up the space, added a V-groove ceiling, and a new Thermador appliance suite, among other enhancements.” —Dan Logan, Stono Construction

Kitchen Remodel by Stono Construction, stonoconstruction.com



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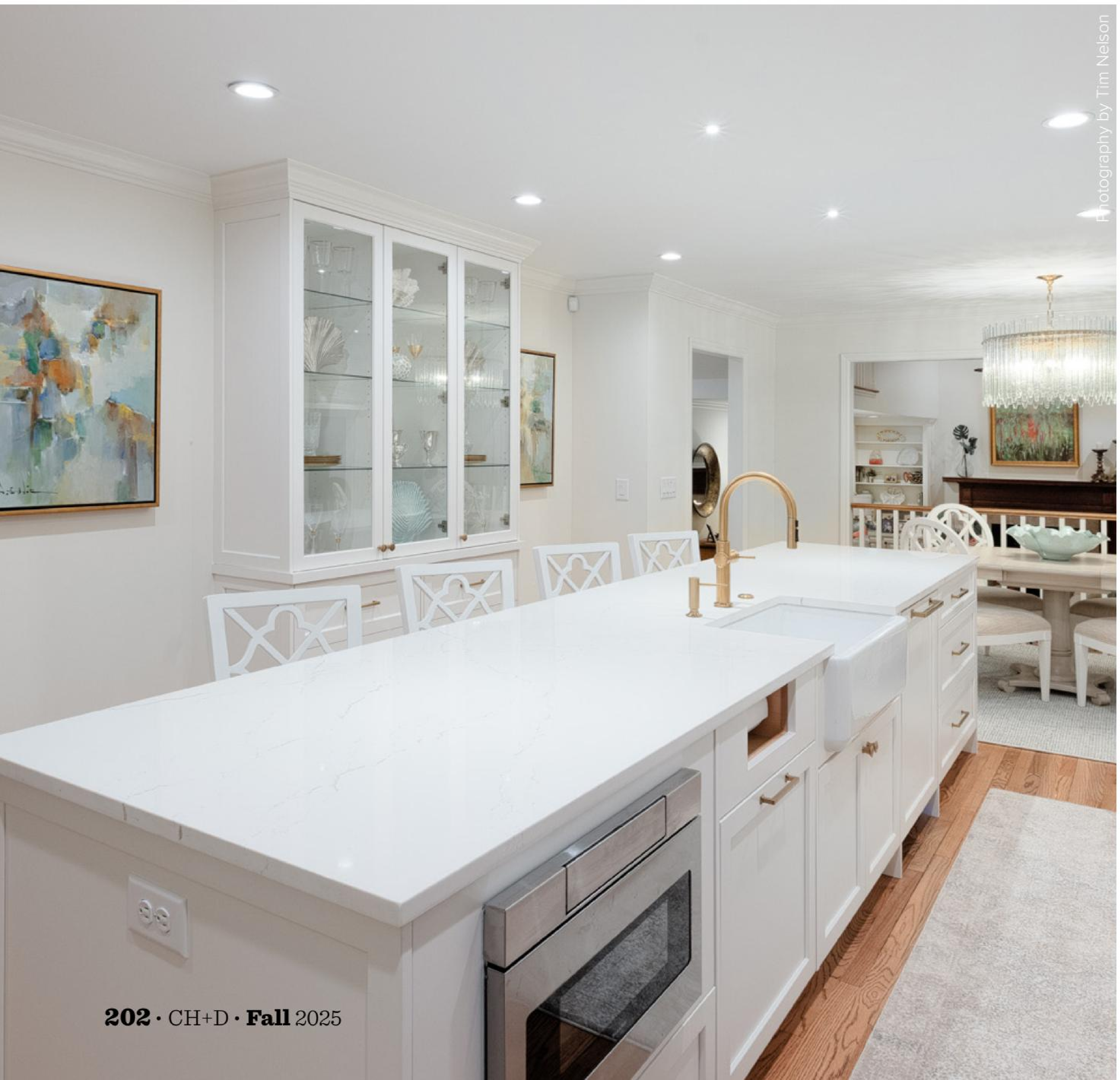

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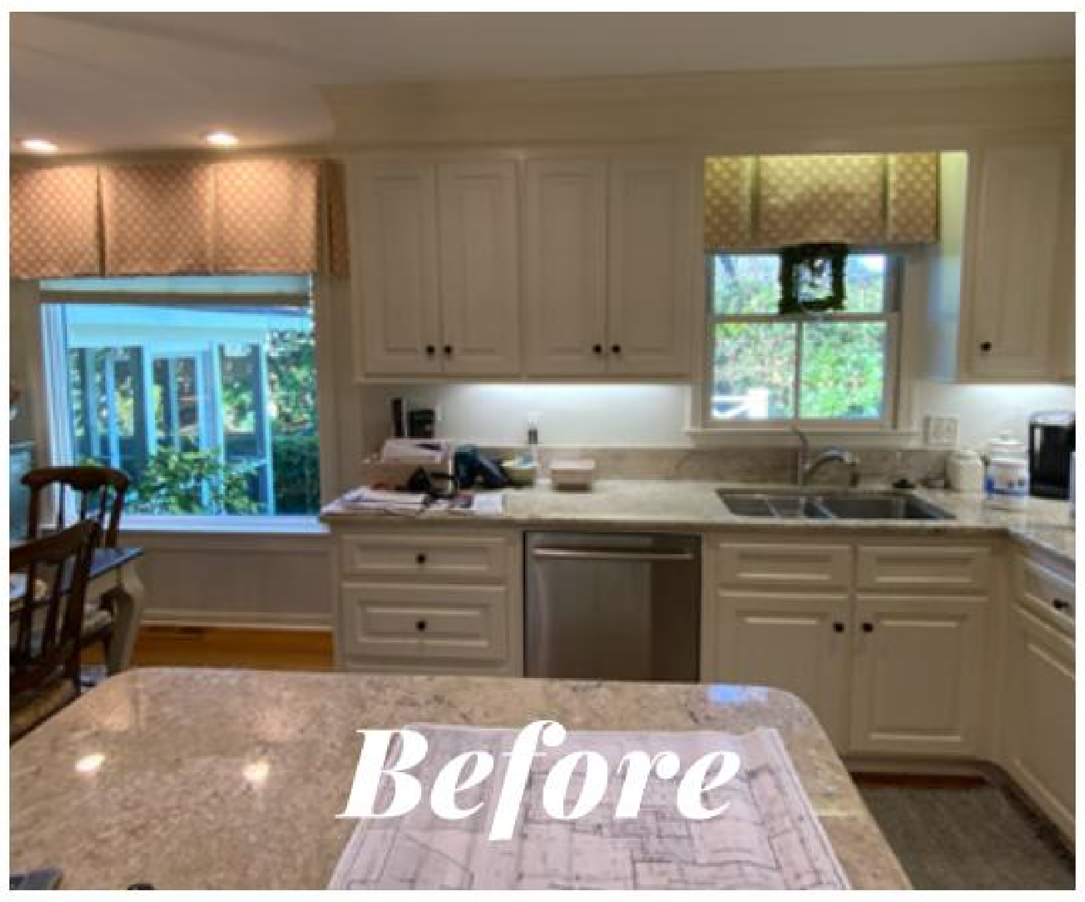
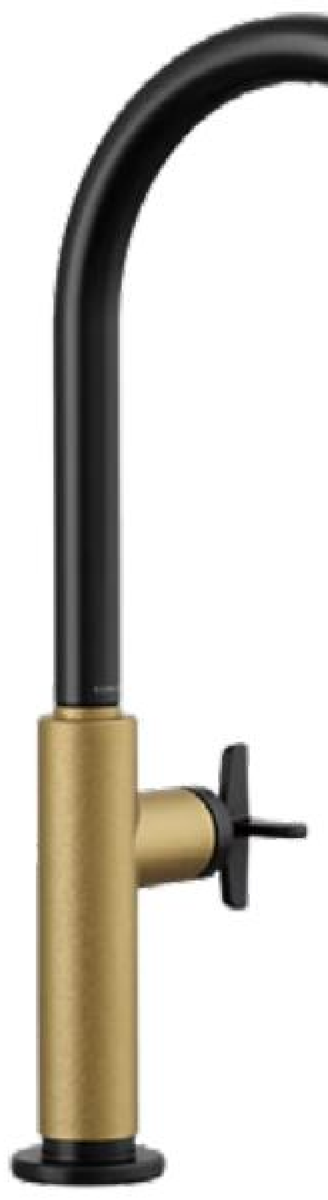


JOY Architecture + Interior Design redefined the first floor of this home, replacing segmented rooms with a bright, open layout. The former formal living and dining spaces merged into a spacious kitchen accented in white and gold, complete with a butler’s pantry and storage addition. New doors open to a landscaped backyard, creating seamless indoor-outdoor flow and turning the heart of the home into a welcoming space for gathering and entertaining.

Architecture and Interior Design by JOY Architecture + Interior Design, joyarchitecture.com

Upgrade Fixtures

A single-handle faucet simplifies lines. Workstation sinks with ledges add function without visual clutter.



Kohler Billet Touchless Faucet
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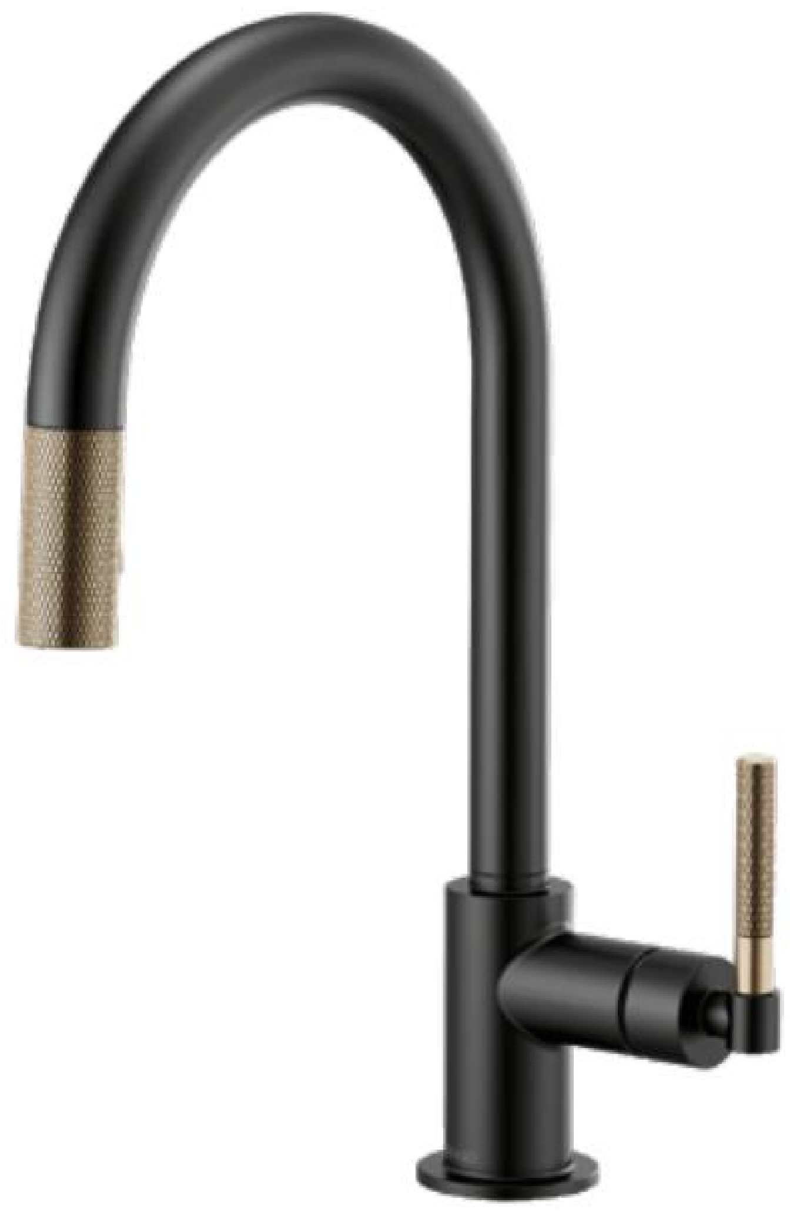

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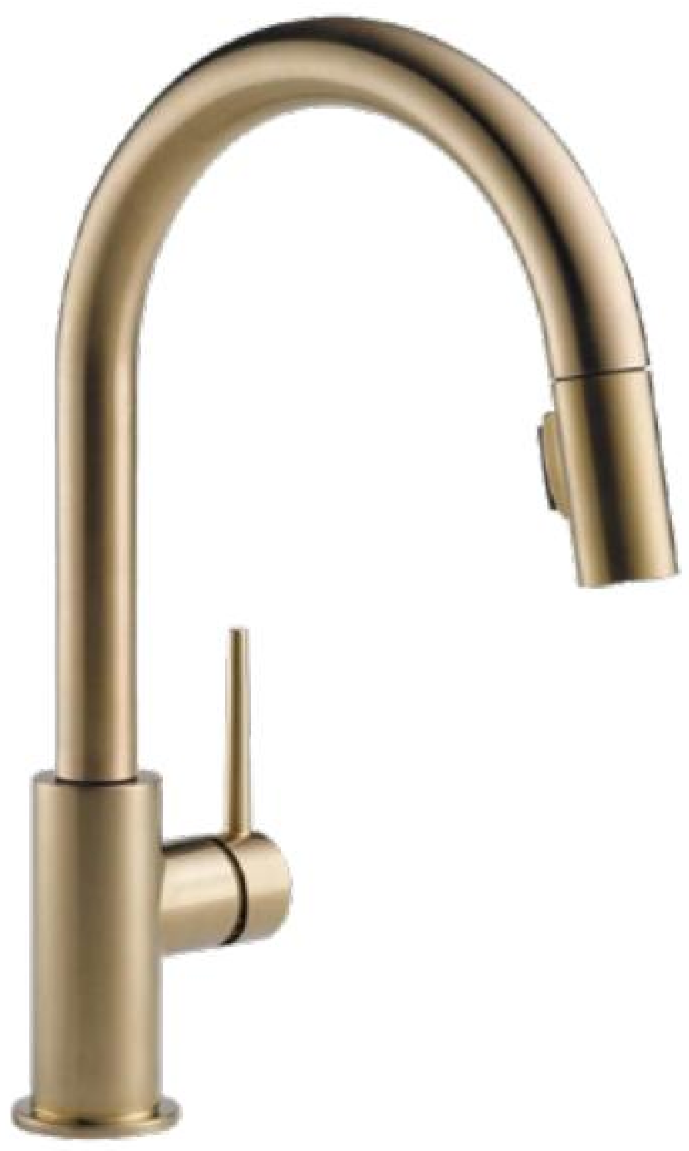

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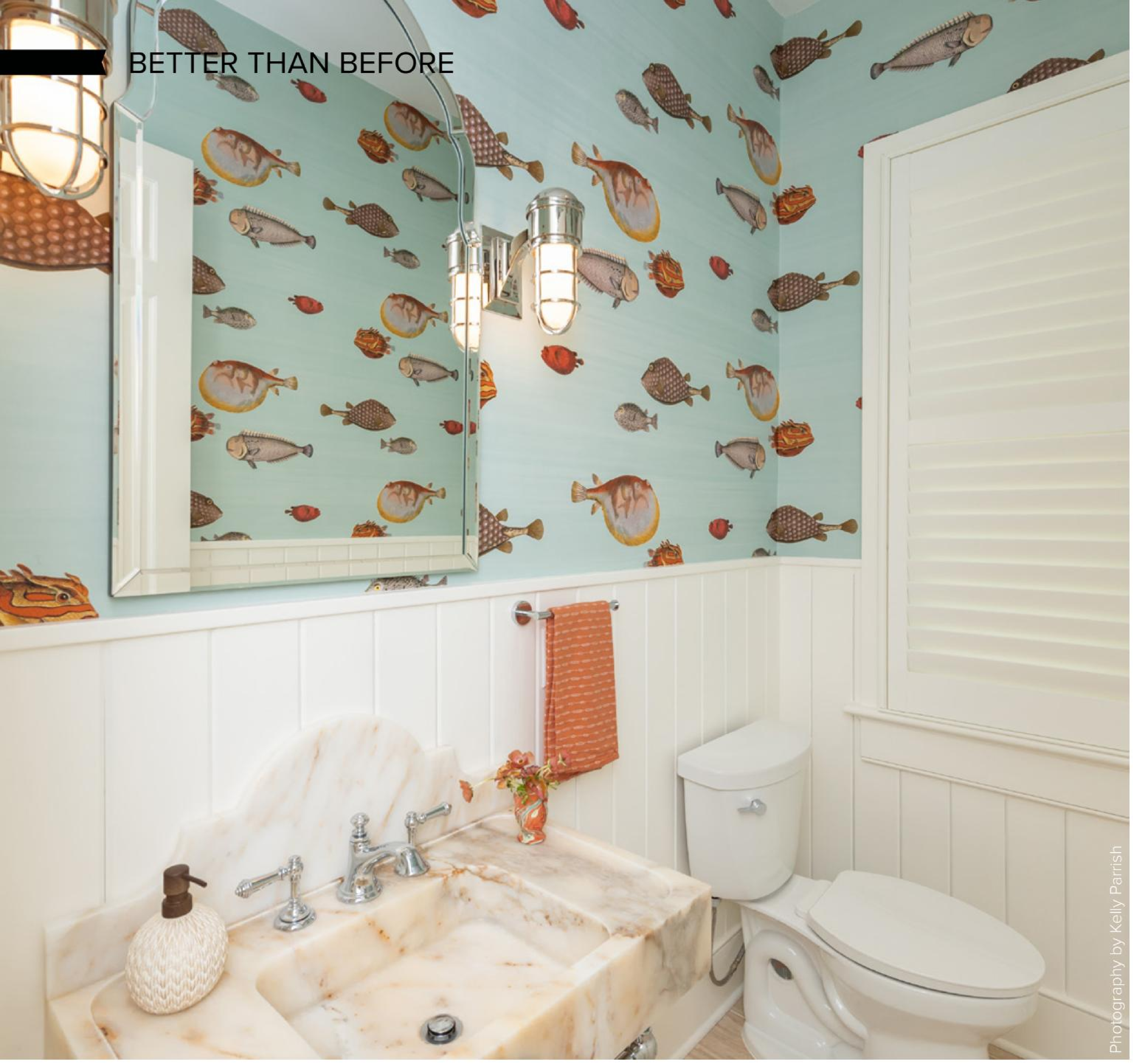

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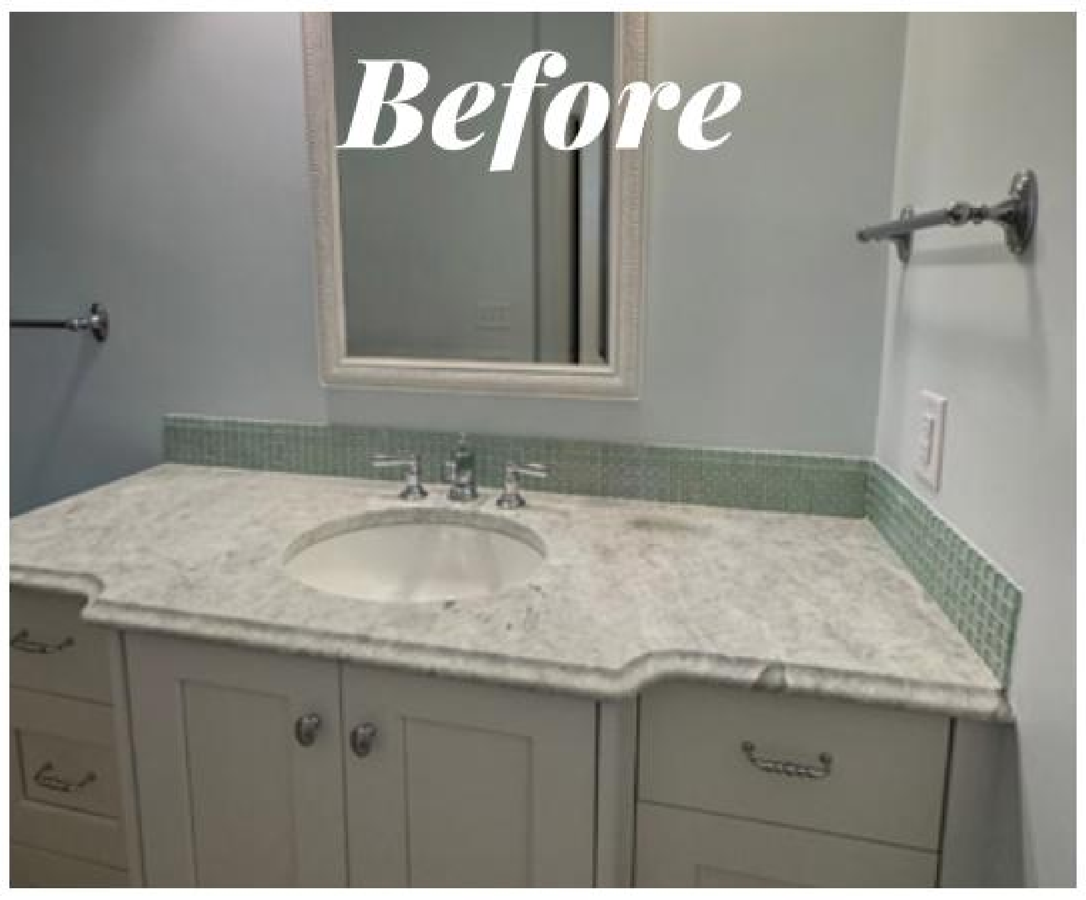
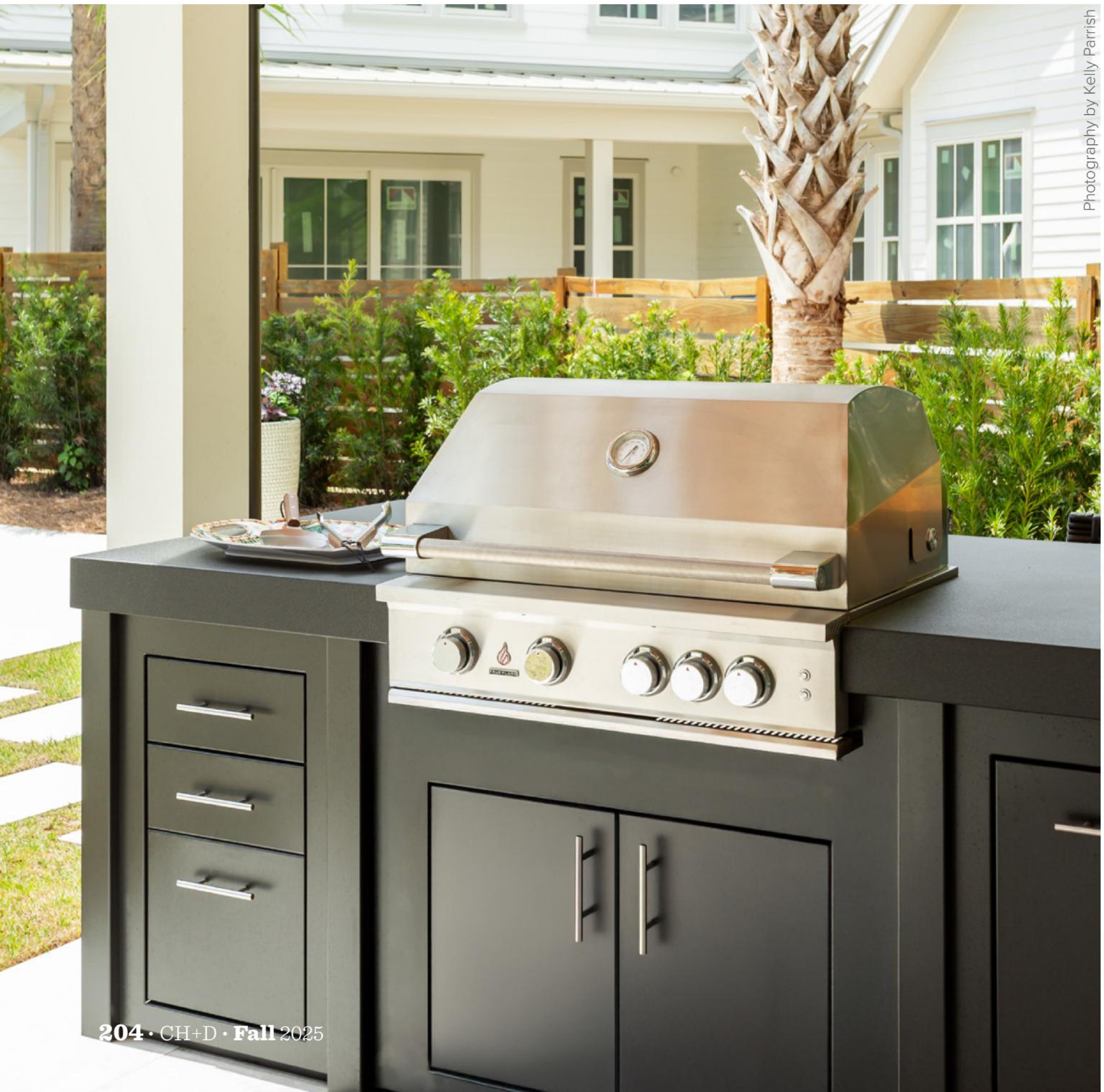


This carefully considered renovation and expansion transformed a beloved Kiawah Island beach cottage, a collaboration between Southern Lumber & Millwork Corp., The Hartman Group, and Matt Sargent of Island Architects. In the powder bath, shiplap from Southern Lumber & Millwork Corp. brings texture and a subtle coastal nod, perfectly in tune with the home's setting.

Shiplap and Andersen 400 Series Windows Sourced from Southern Lumber & Millwork Corp., solumber.com



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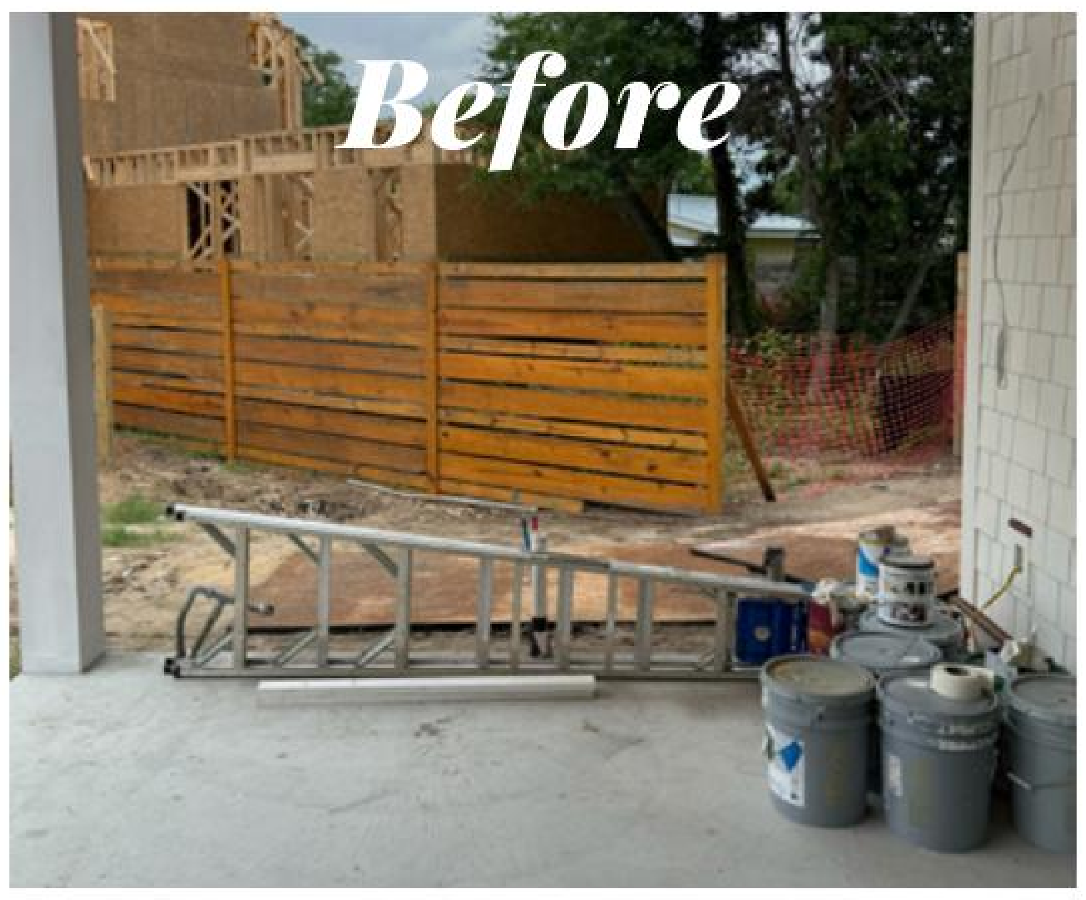
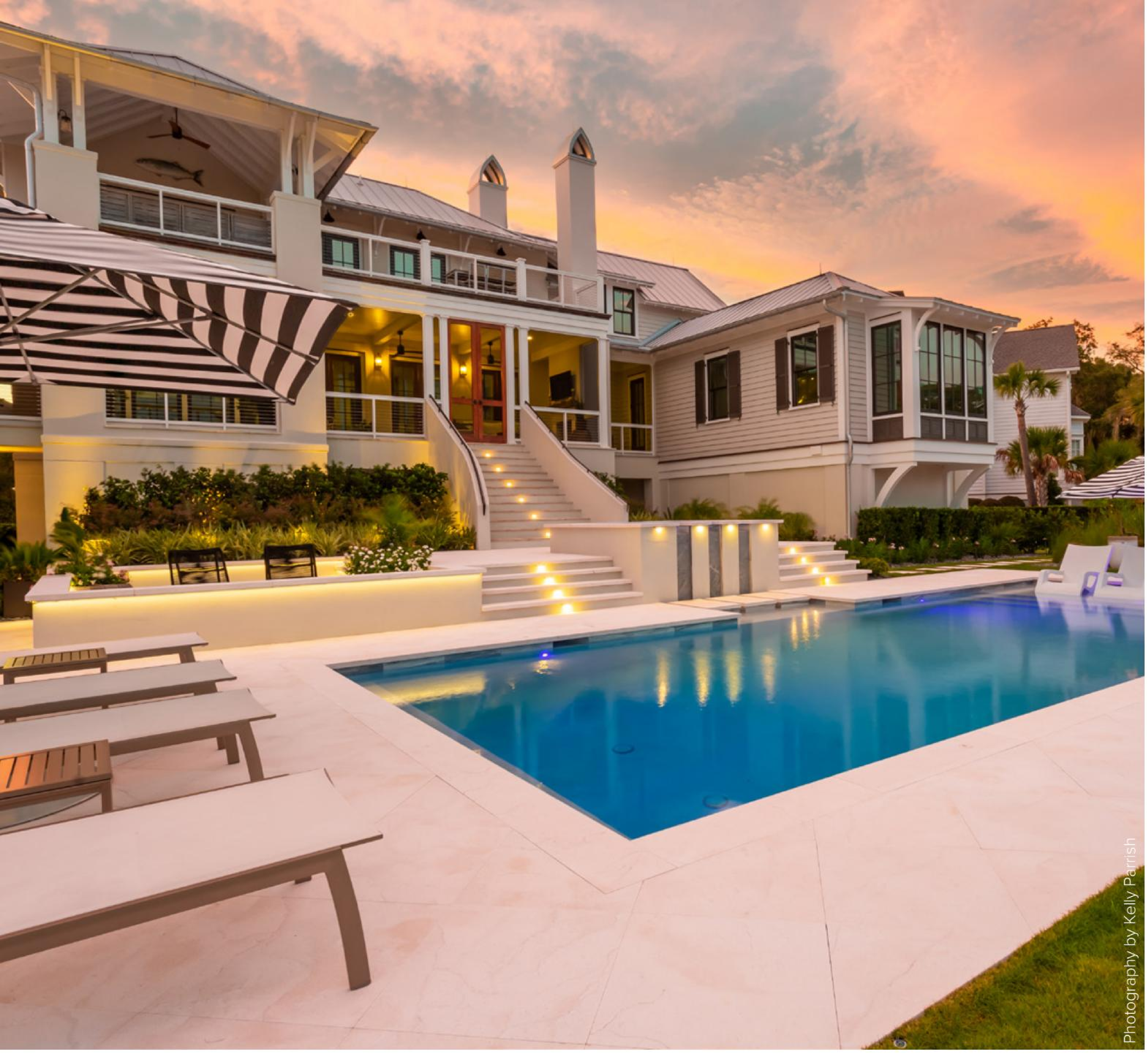


This custom outdoor kitchen transforms the backyard into a true extension of the home, featuring weatherproof cabinetry and built-in appliances for comfortable, year-round entertaining.

Outdoor Grill by Stono Outdoor Living Co., stonooutdoor.com



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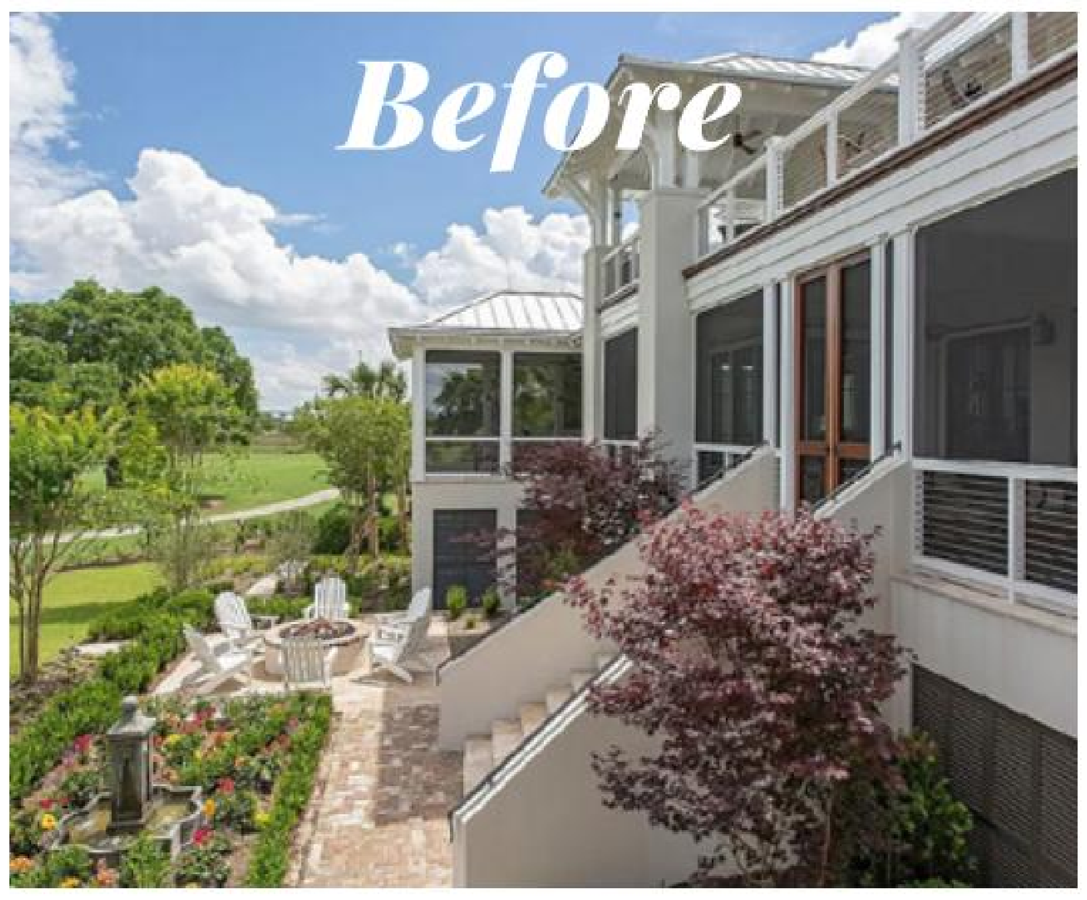
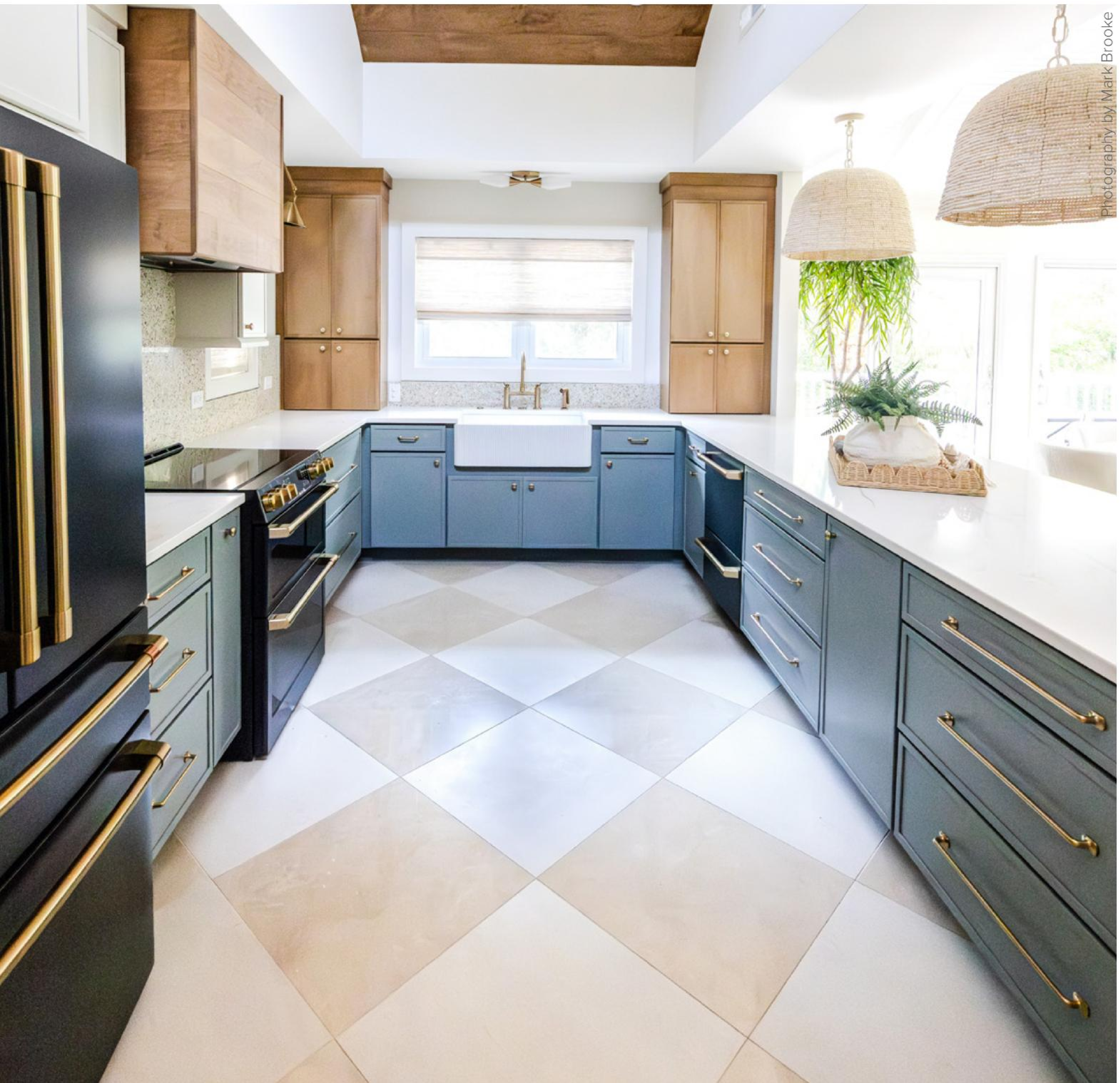


This pool transforms the backyard into a luxurious retreat, featuring an elevated spa with golf course views, a fire pit, mini-golf, and a marble-topped outdoor bar.

House Remodel and Pool Addition by CMG Custom Homes, LLC & CMG Custom Pools, LLC, cmgcustompools.com



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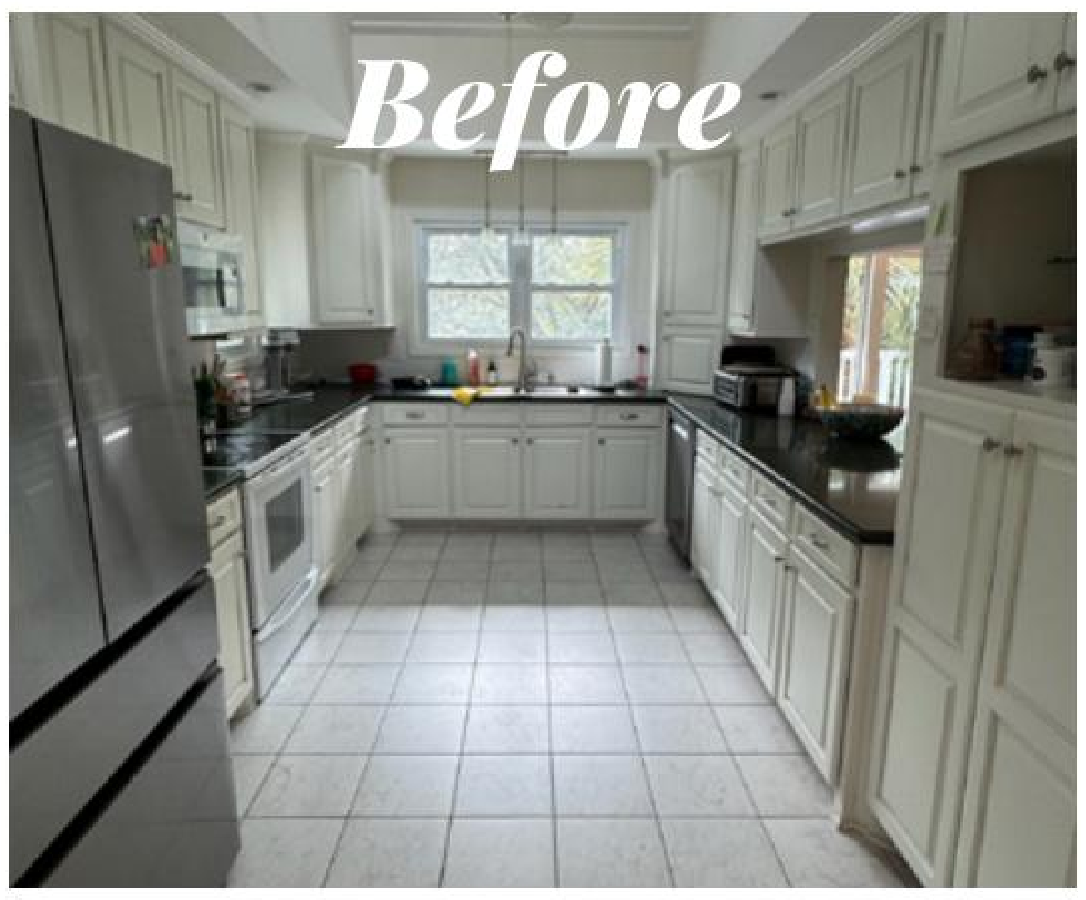
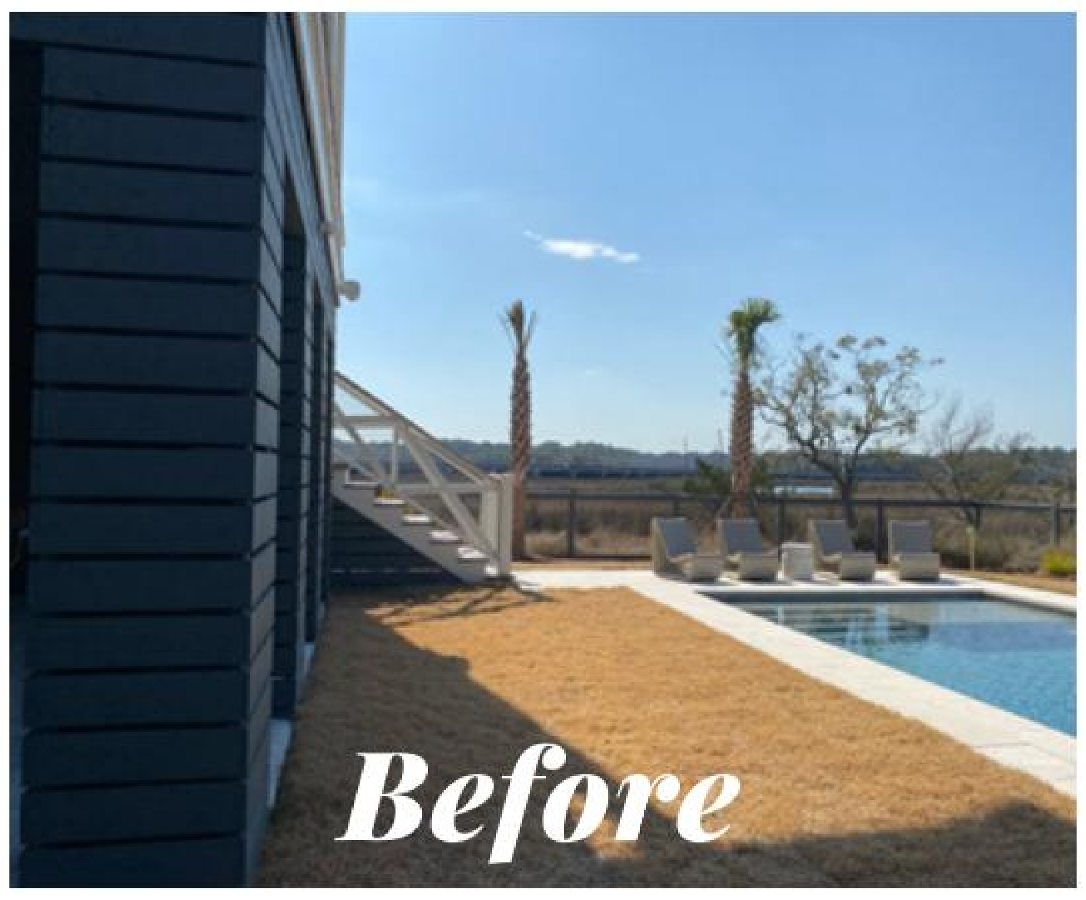


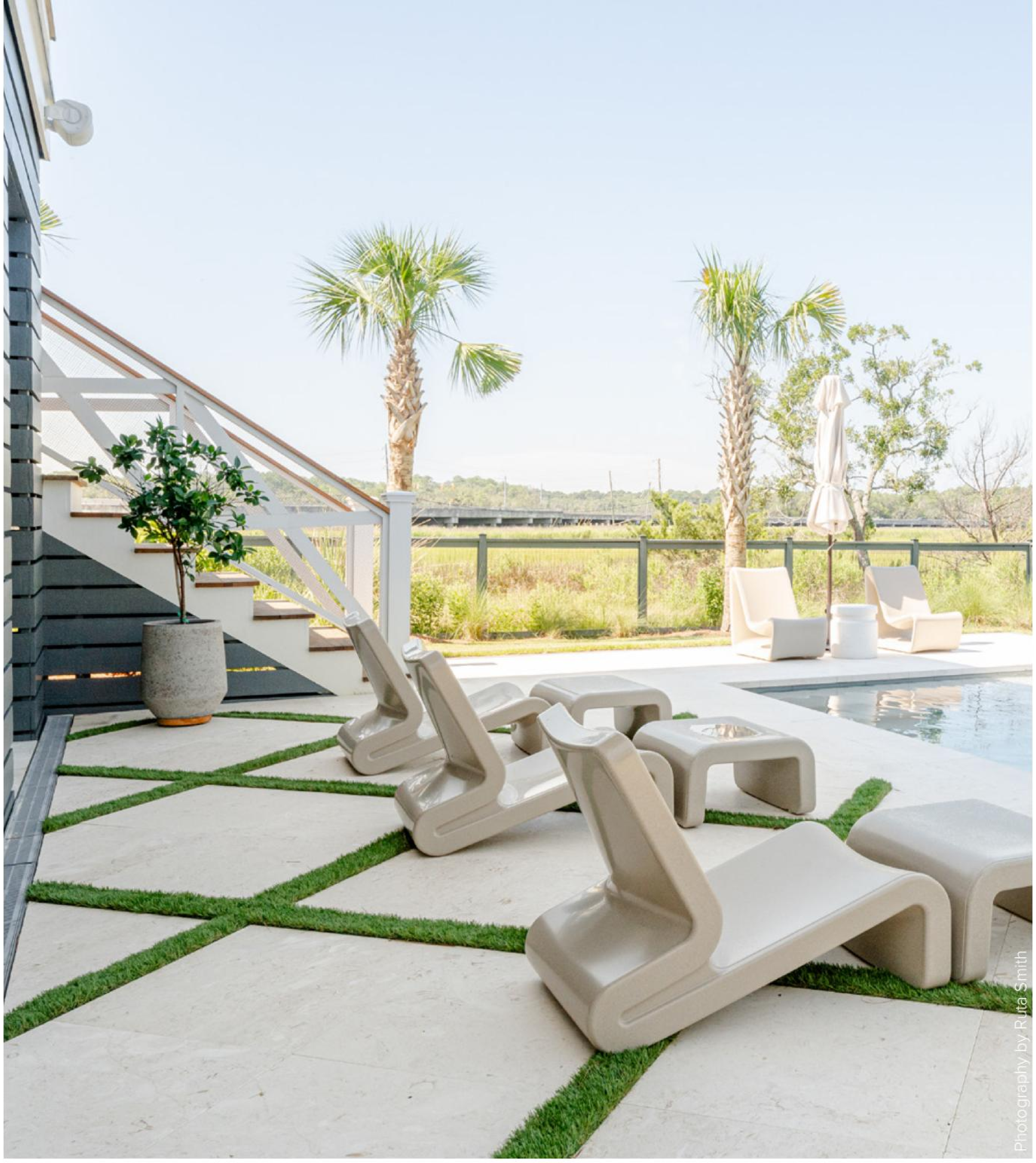
“I see my work as more than just design; it’s an opportunity to be a blessing to those I serve.” — Leila Muller, Poppy + Shae Design Co.

Interior Design by Poppy + Shae Design Co., poppyshaedesigns.com



The deck was expanded with clean lines and symmetry for a more formal look. Where setbacks were required, planting beds were introduced to soften the space. A channel drain defines the grade changes, seamlessly blending materials while managing water. The diamond-pattern shellstone, inlaid with synthetic turf, creates a striking focal point.

Landscape Design by Tidal Creek Designs, tidalcreekdesigns.com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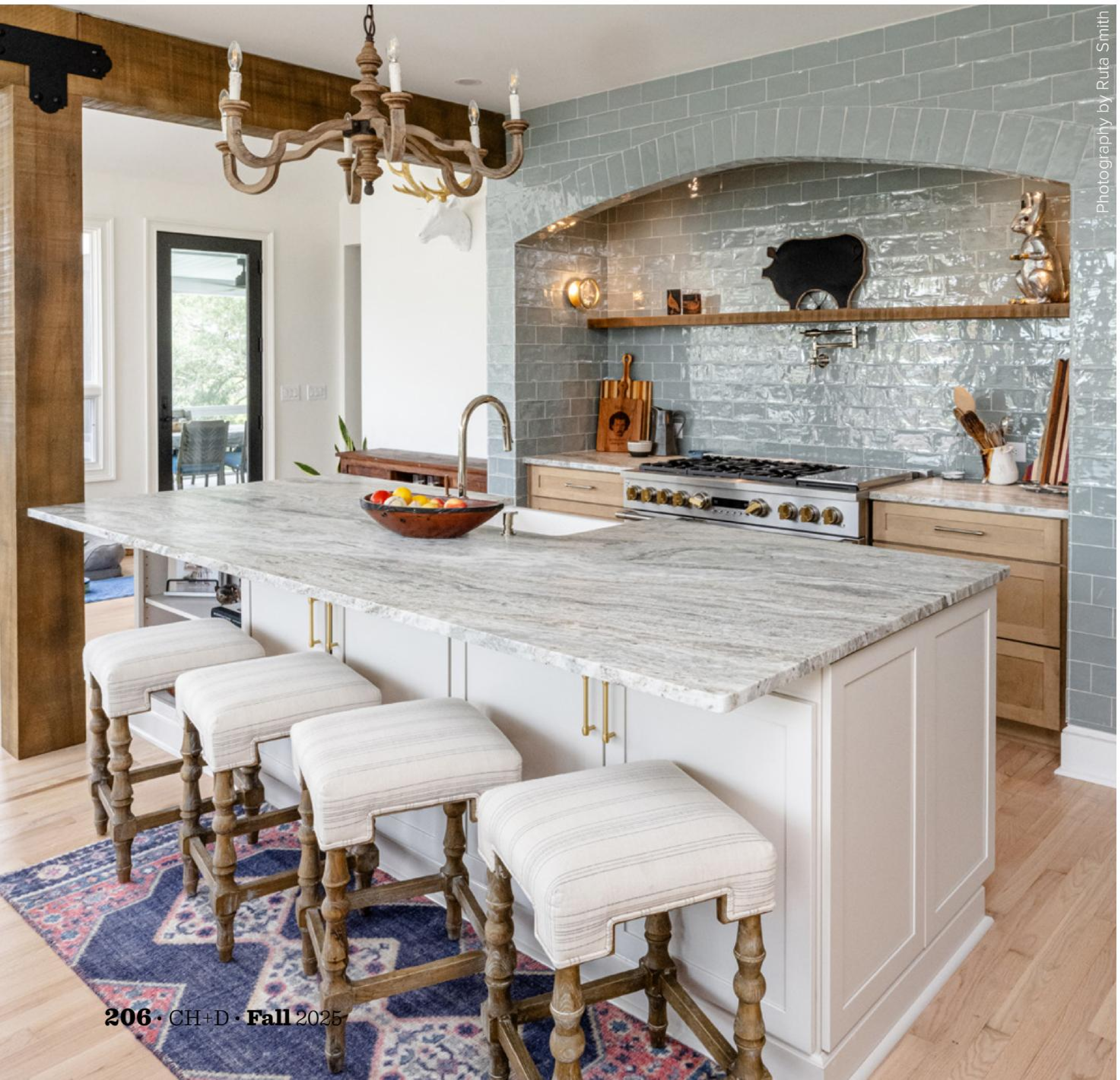
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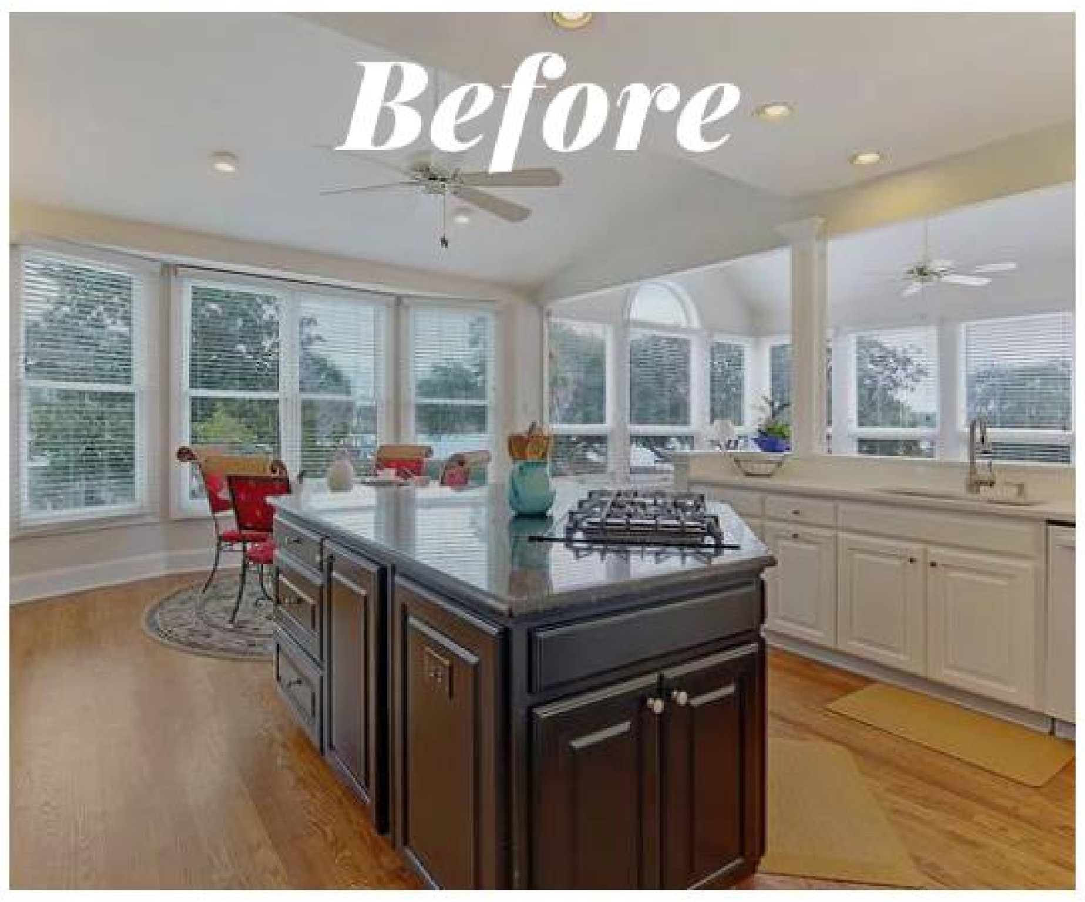
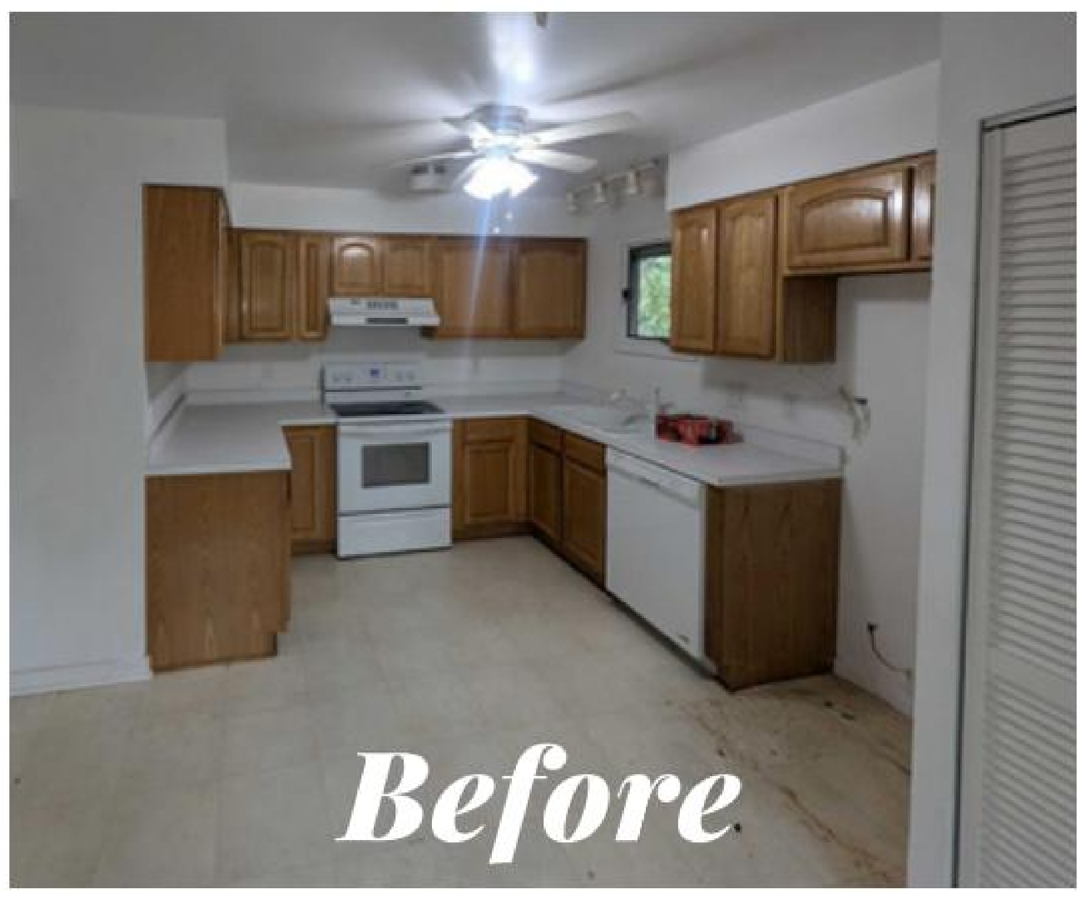


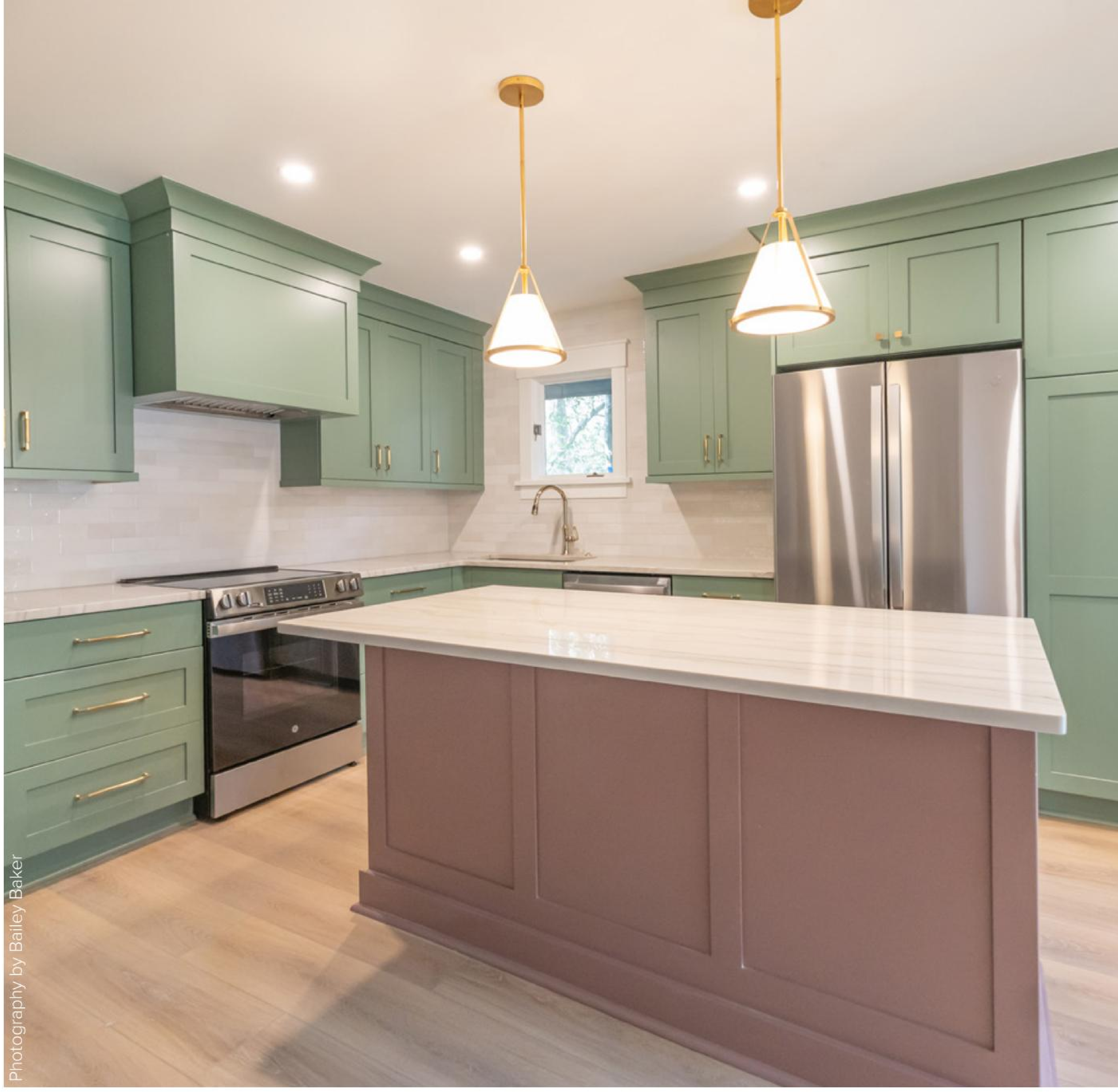
A choppy 1990s layout made way for a more open and functional kitchen. The bar was removed, the space reconfigured, and the oddly shaped island replaced with an open-concept design that adds generous storage and easy flow, perfect for entertaining.

Cabinetry Designed by Niki Komorek of Charleston Cabinets Inc., charlestoncabinetsinc.com



“We opened up the kitchen area to create additional space, as well as brand new cabinetry, countertops, appliances, lighting fixtures, and plumbing fixtures.” —David Watsky, Watsky & Wieters Construction

Kitchen Remodel by Watsky & Wieters Construction, wwconstruct.com



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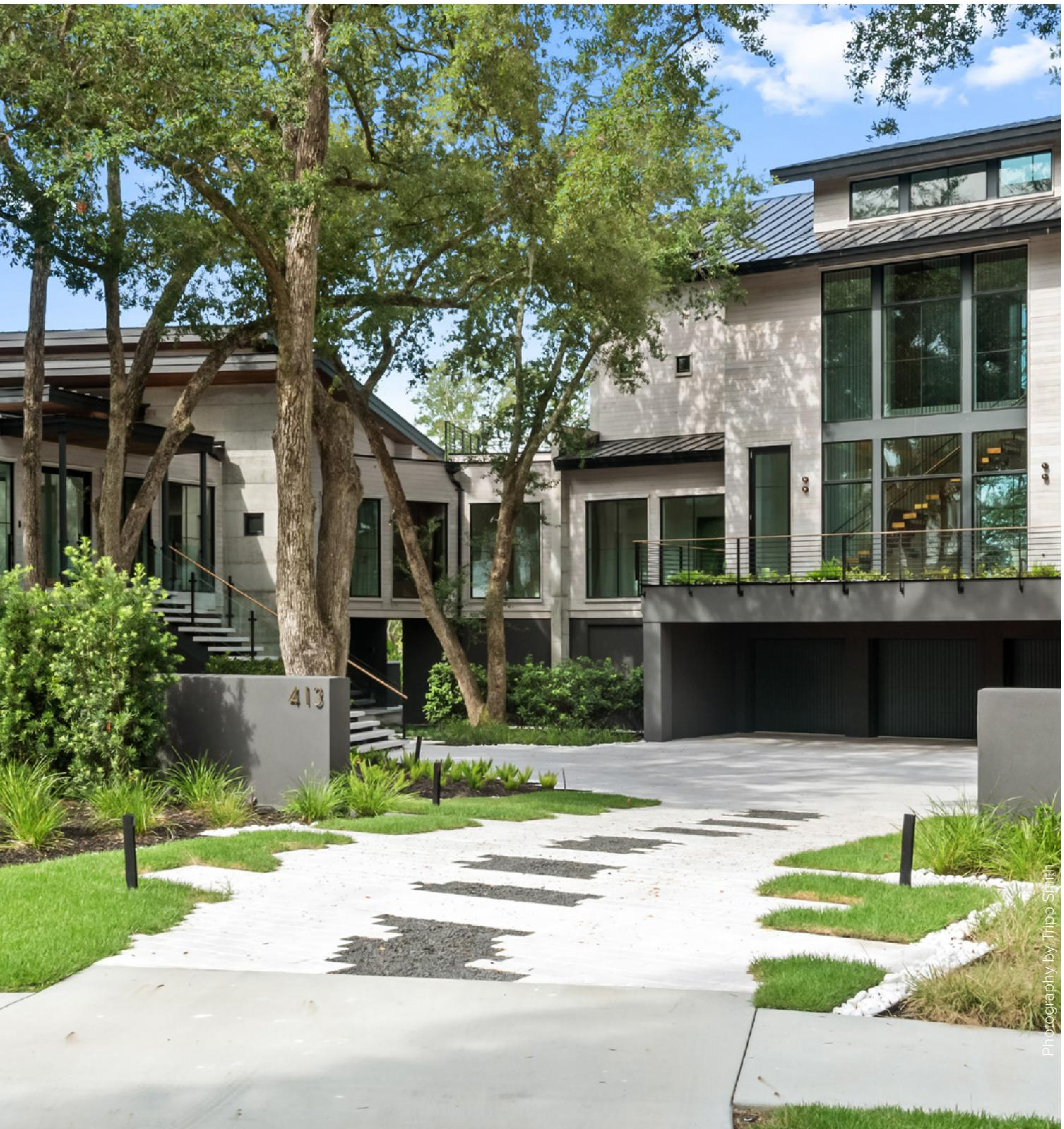
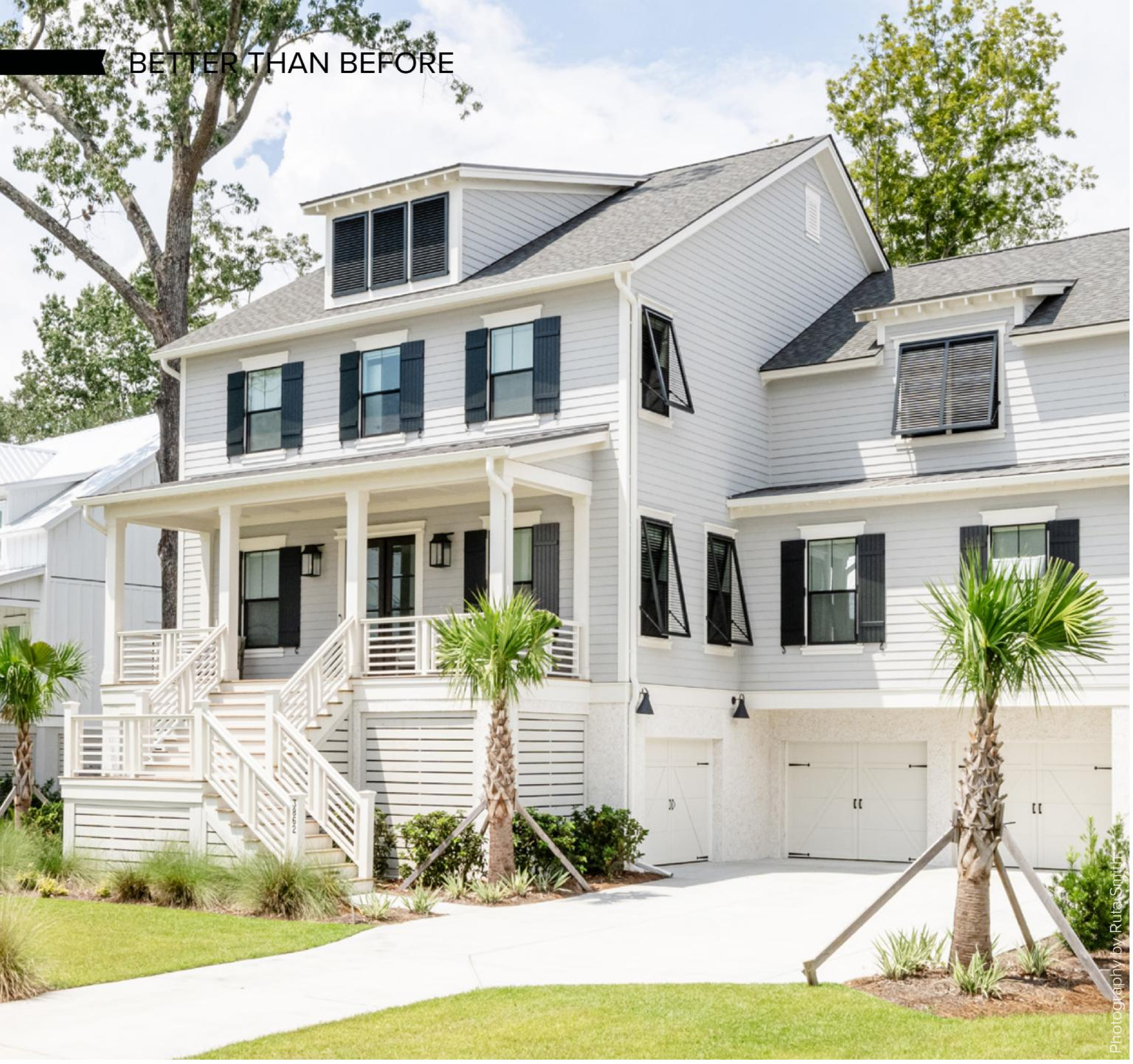
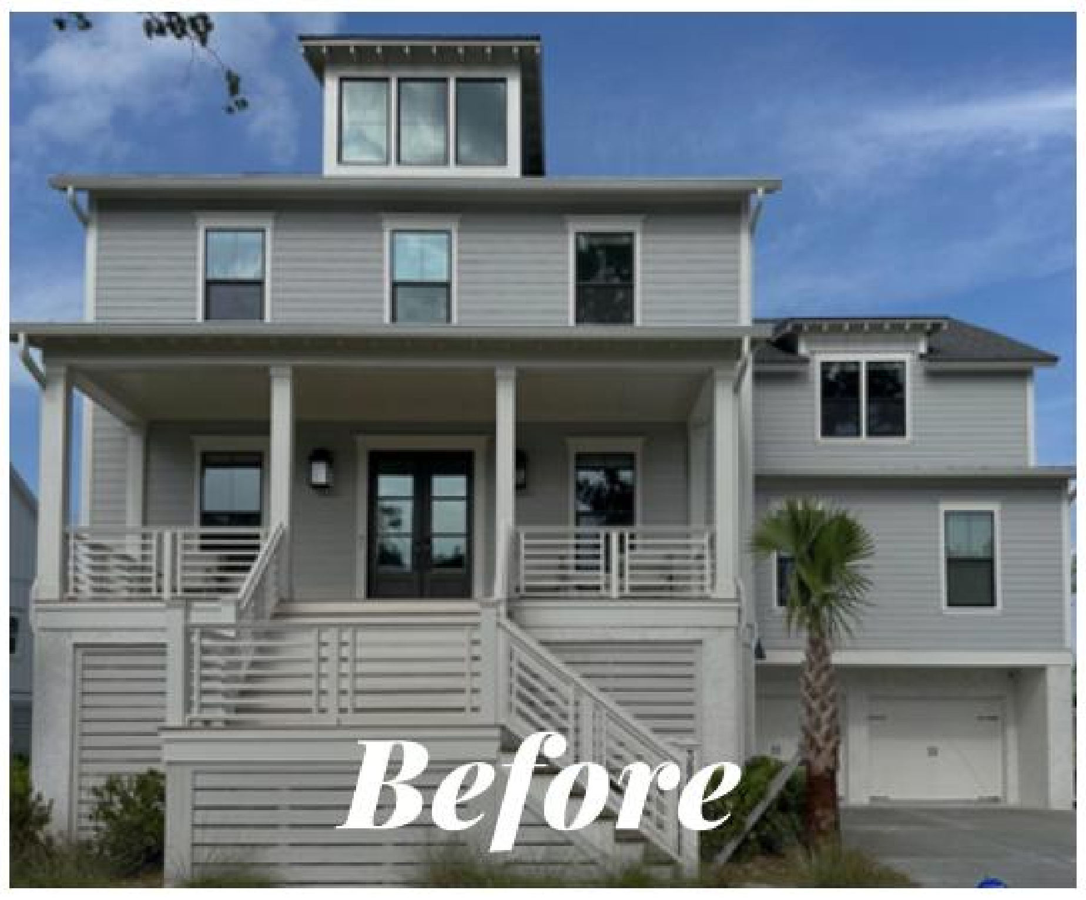


Photography by Tripp Smith

The landscape walls echo the home’s architectural style, with native and non-invasive plants shaping a versatile, thoughtfully detailed outdoor space. REMARK collaborated closely with Thomas and Denzinger Architects, Shelter Custom Homes, and Artisan Landscape to ensure the yard blended seamlessly with the home.

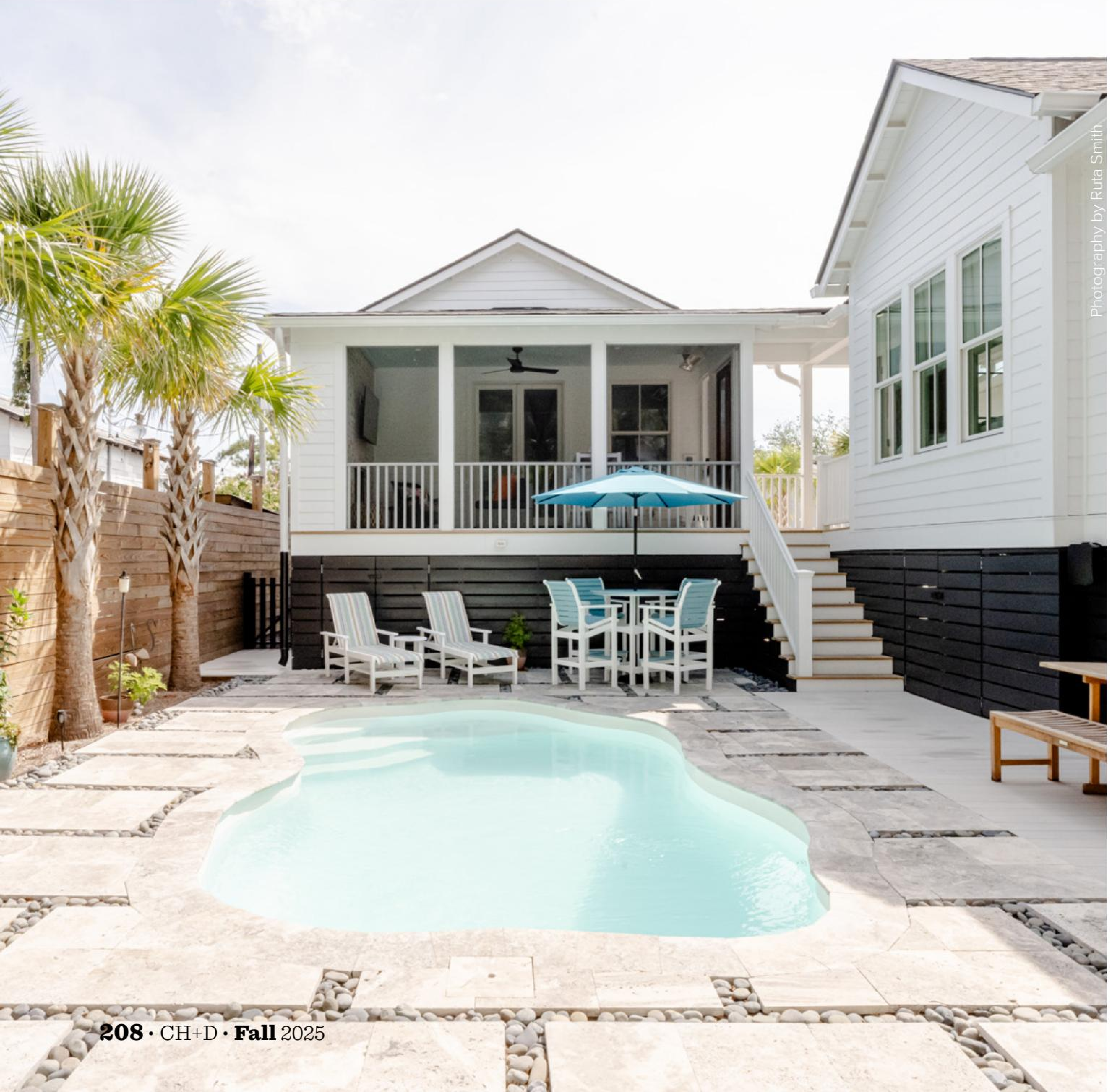
Landscape by REMARK Landscape Architecture, remarkstudiollc.com

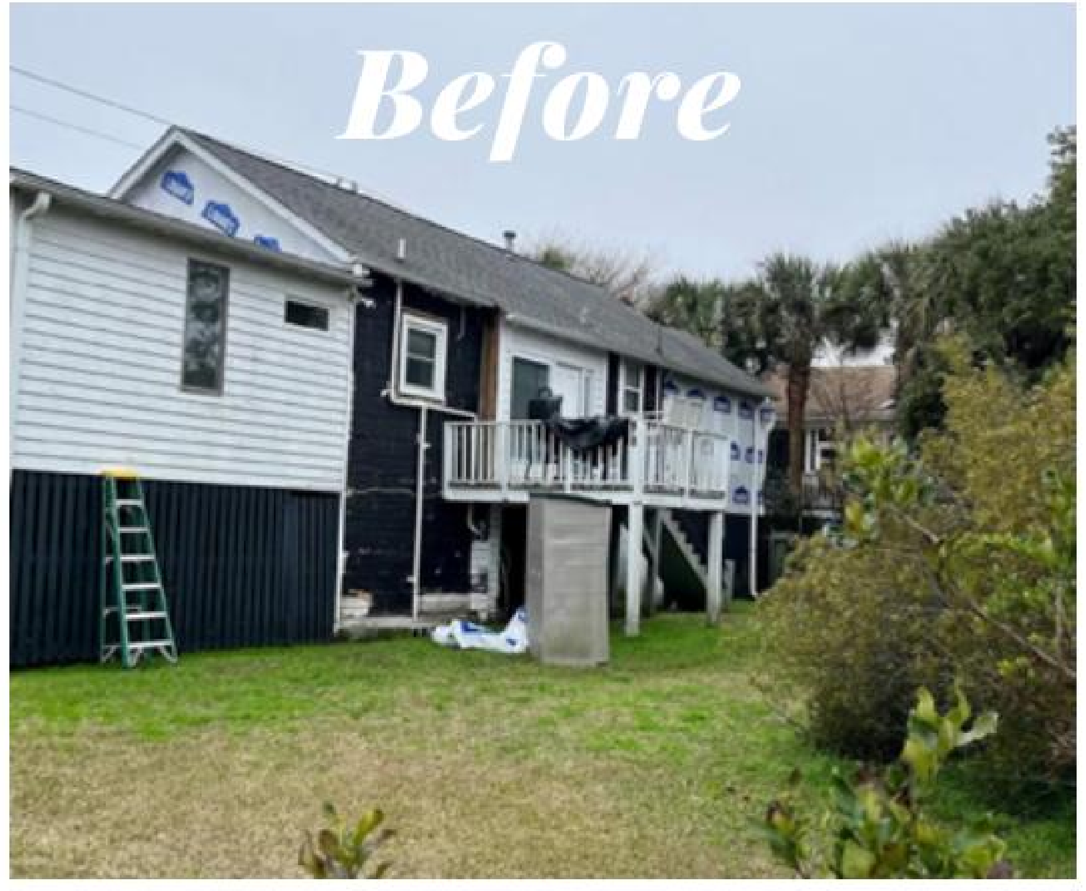




These shutters provide storm protection while adding a refined finishing touch to the home's exterior.

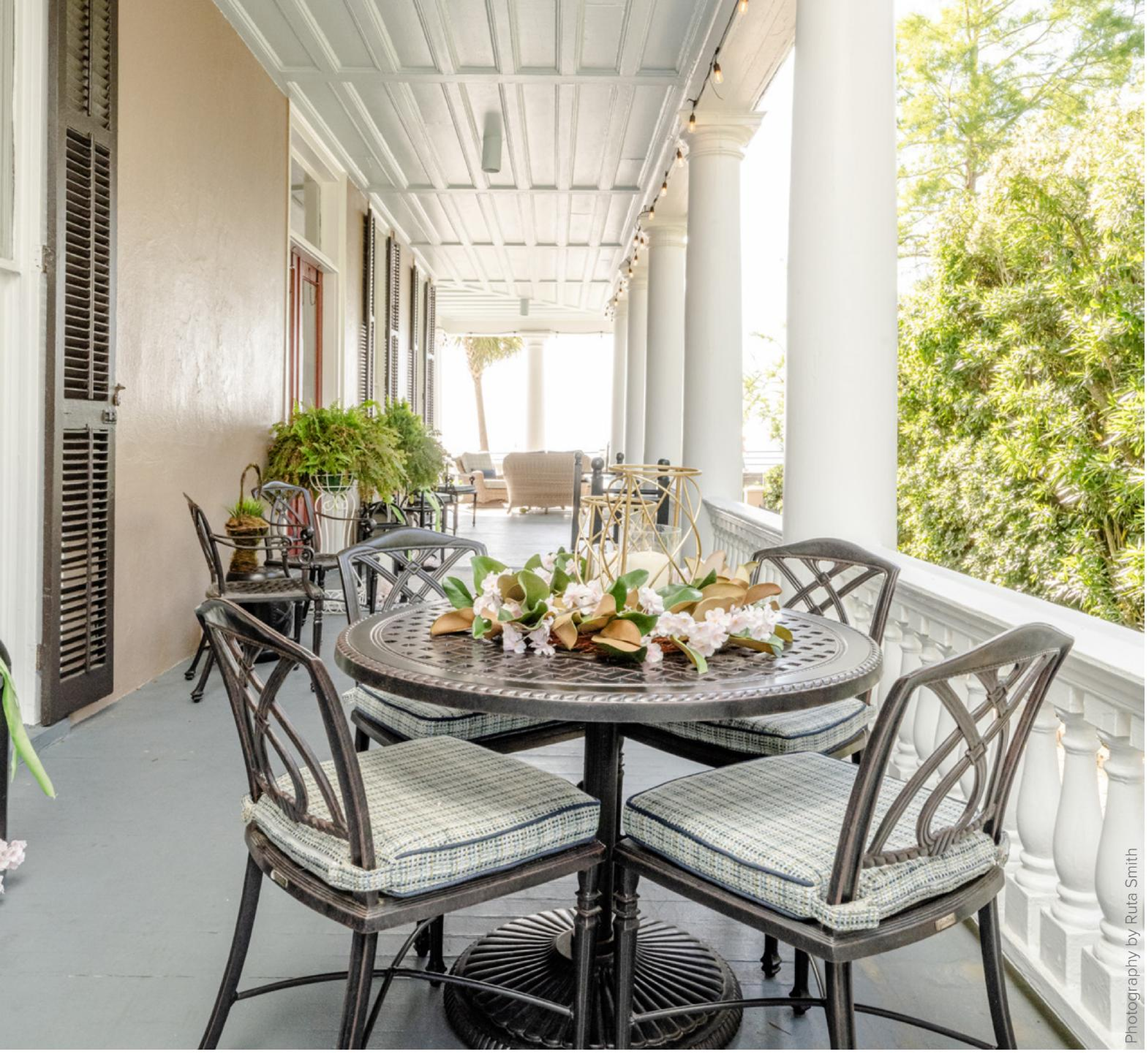
Board and Batten and Bahama Shutters Manufactured and Installed by Lowcountry Hurricane Protection & Shutters, lowcountryshutters.com





A pool was installed and framed by a travertine patio, where river rock joints replace traditional grass for both durability and low-maintenance appeal. A thoughtfully designed deck now links directly to the home's new addition, creating a seamless connection to their backyard.

Remodel and Addition by Bridgeport Homes, bridgeport-homes.com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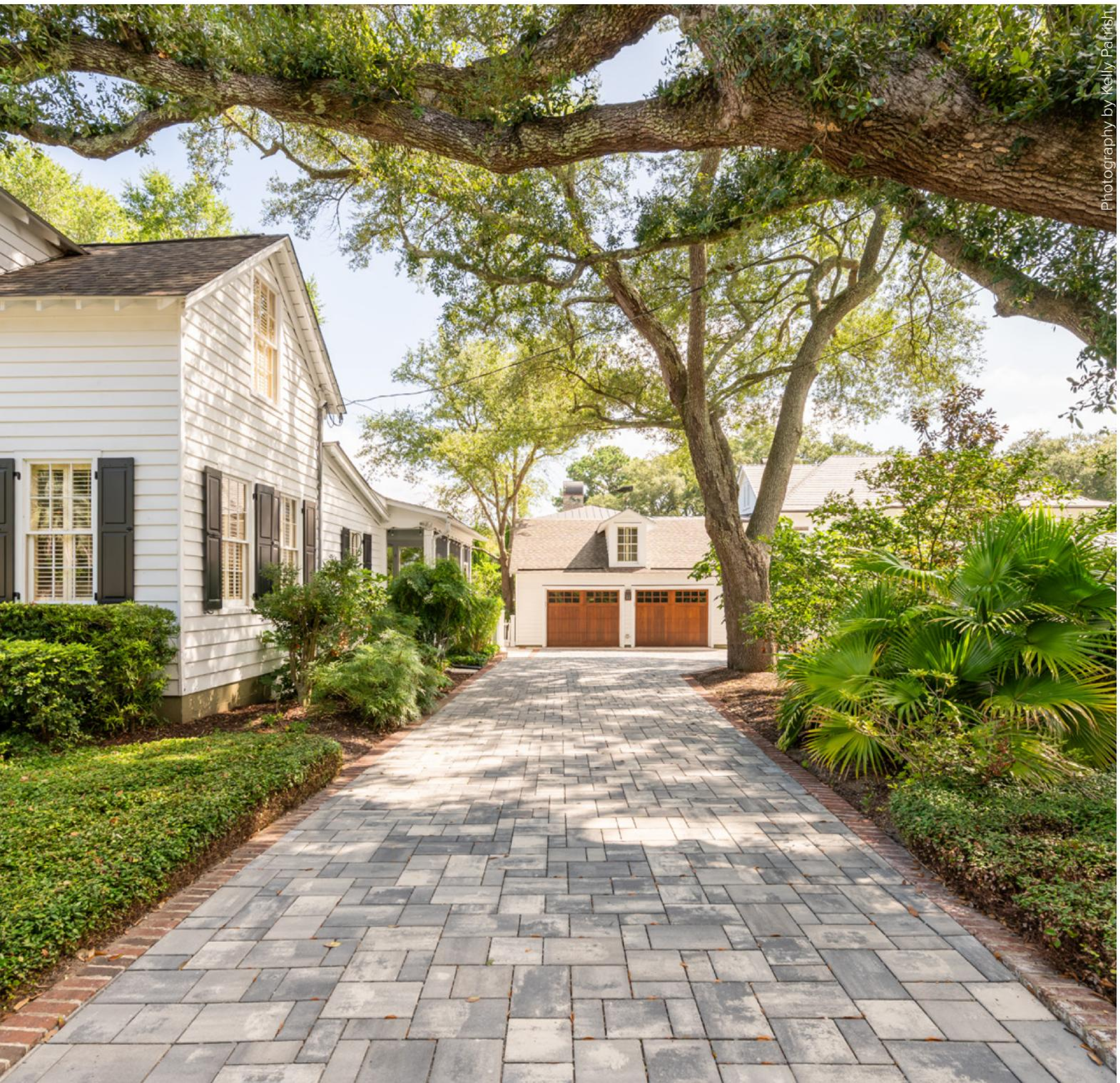
This cast-aluminum patio set is perfect for gardens and porches in Charleston because of its longterm durability and ease of maintenance. The classic style complements both historic and modern exteriors.

Grand Terrace Outdoor Furniture by Palm Casual, palmcasual.com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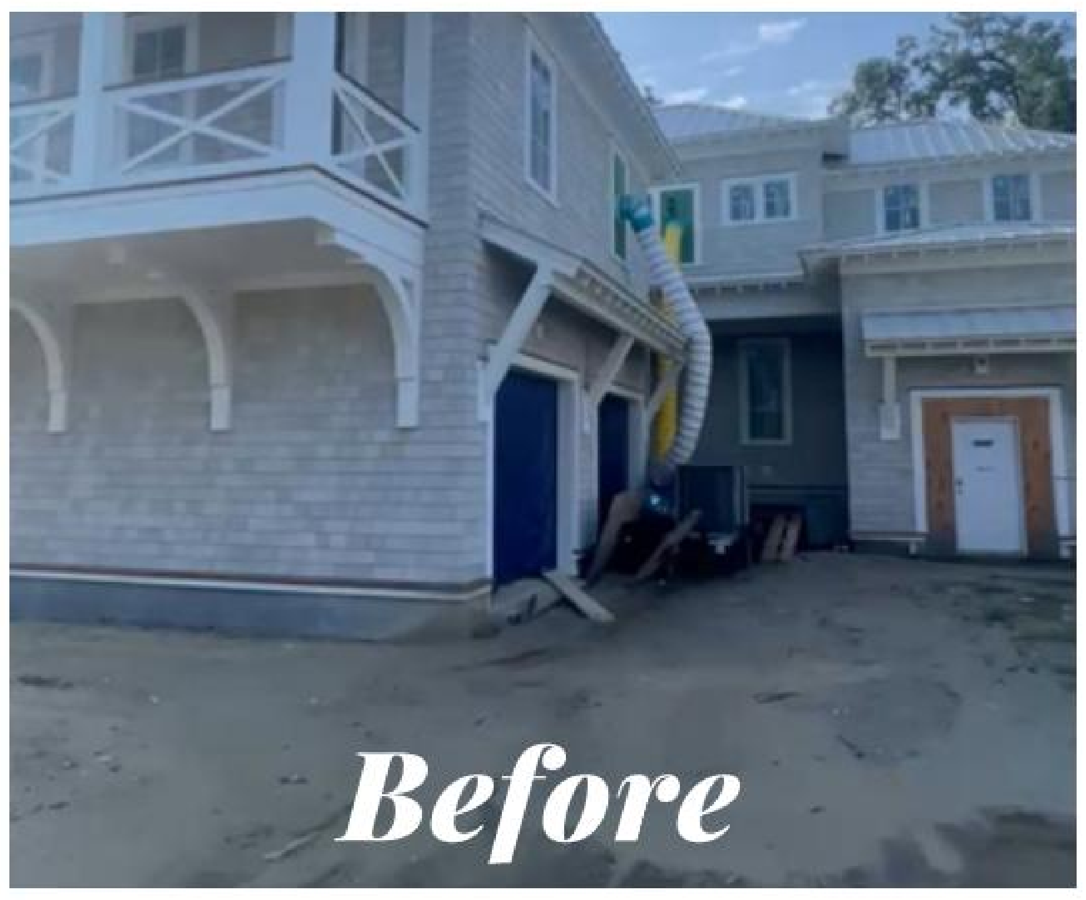
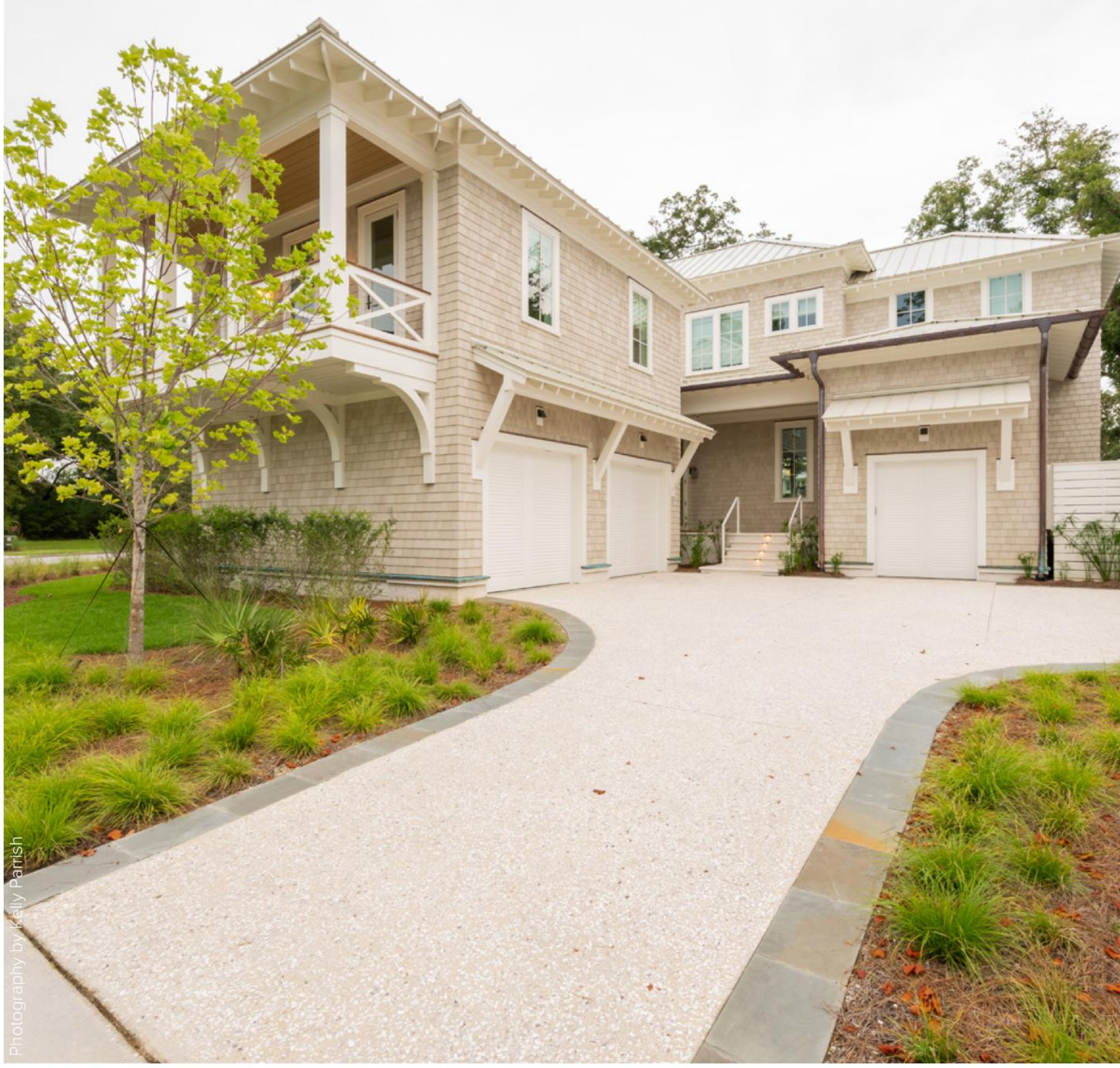
With interlocking pavers laid in an artful, irregular pattern, this expertly designed driveway transforms a once-overlooked space into a durable and sophisticated statement of curb appeal.

Landscape and Hardscape Installation by Charleston Outdoor Design, charlestonoutdoordesign.com

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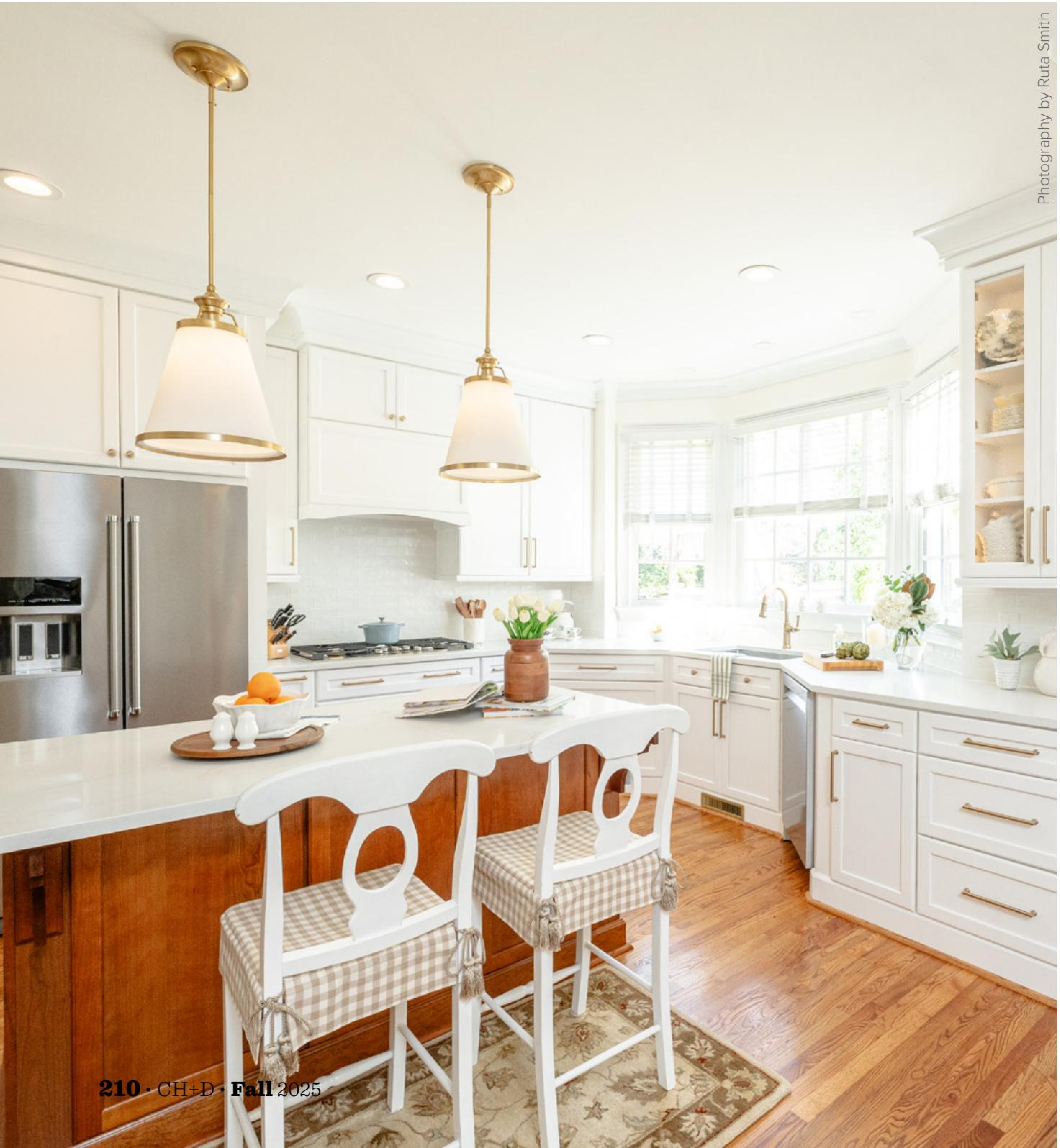
A paver-lined driveway winds through a landscape of mature trees and manicured lawn, where layered mulch and thoughtfully placed sedge grass are softly illuminated by pathway lighting at night.

Landscape and Hardscape Installation by Charleston Landscape, charlestonlandscape.com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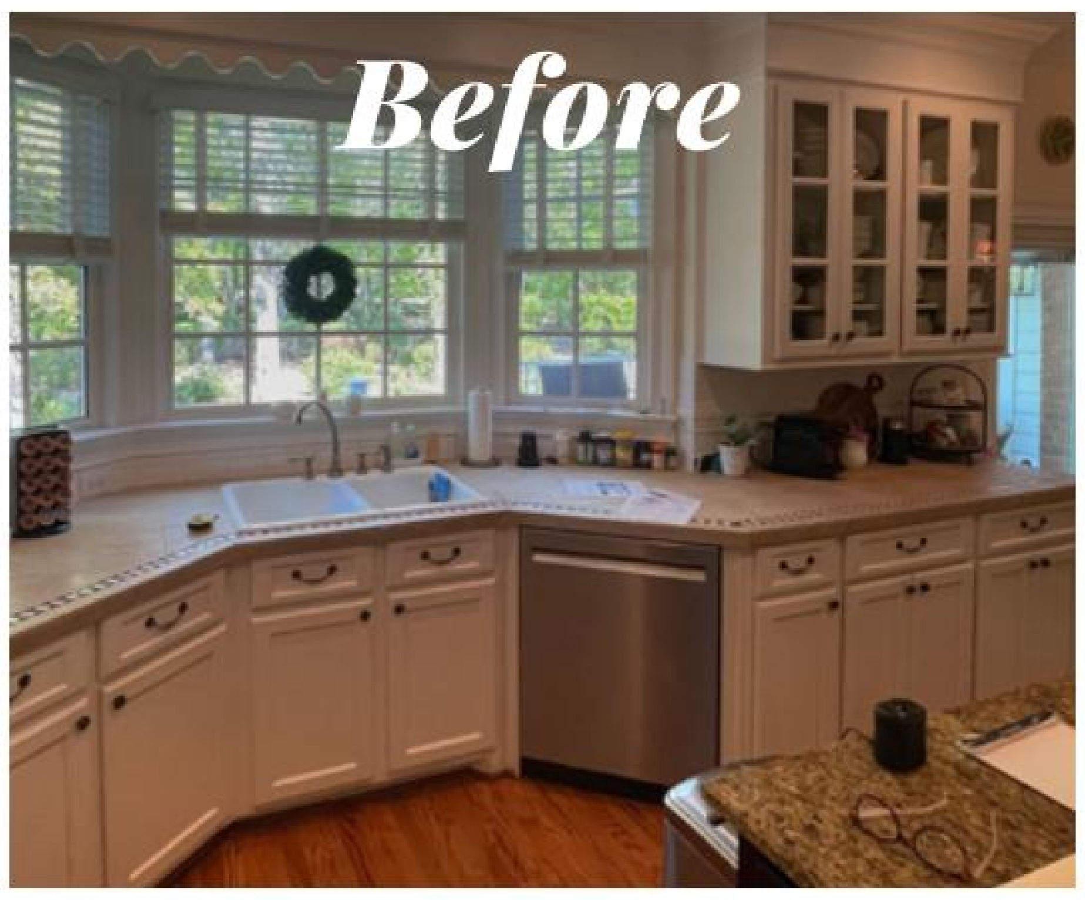
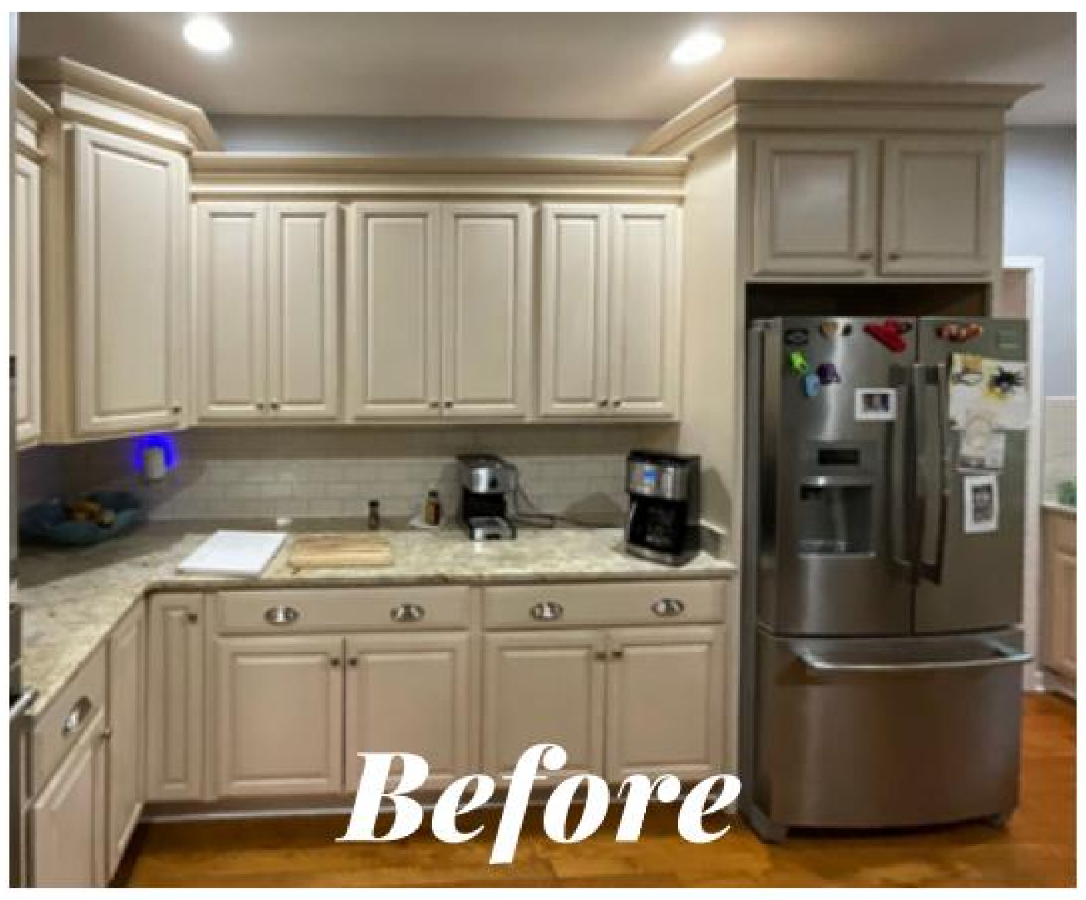


Designer Olivia Keener of Carpet Baggers Flooring and Cabinets maintained the functional footprint while elevating every detail with full-overlay cabinetry in a warm finish, taller wall cabinets, and reconfigured drawer-and-door bases featuring roll-out trays. The valance came down, under-cabinet lighting was installed, and textured glass on the focal wall adds a subtle sparkle. The refreshed palette complements the home's traditional hardwoods, giving the kitchen a contemporary lift.

Cabinetry by Carpet Baggers Flooring and Cabinets, carpet-baggers.com



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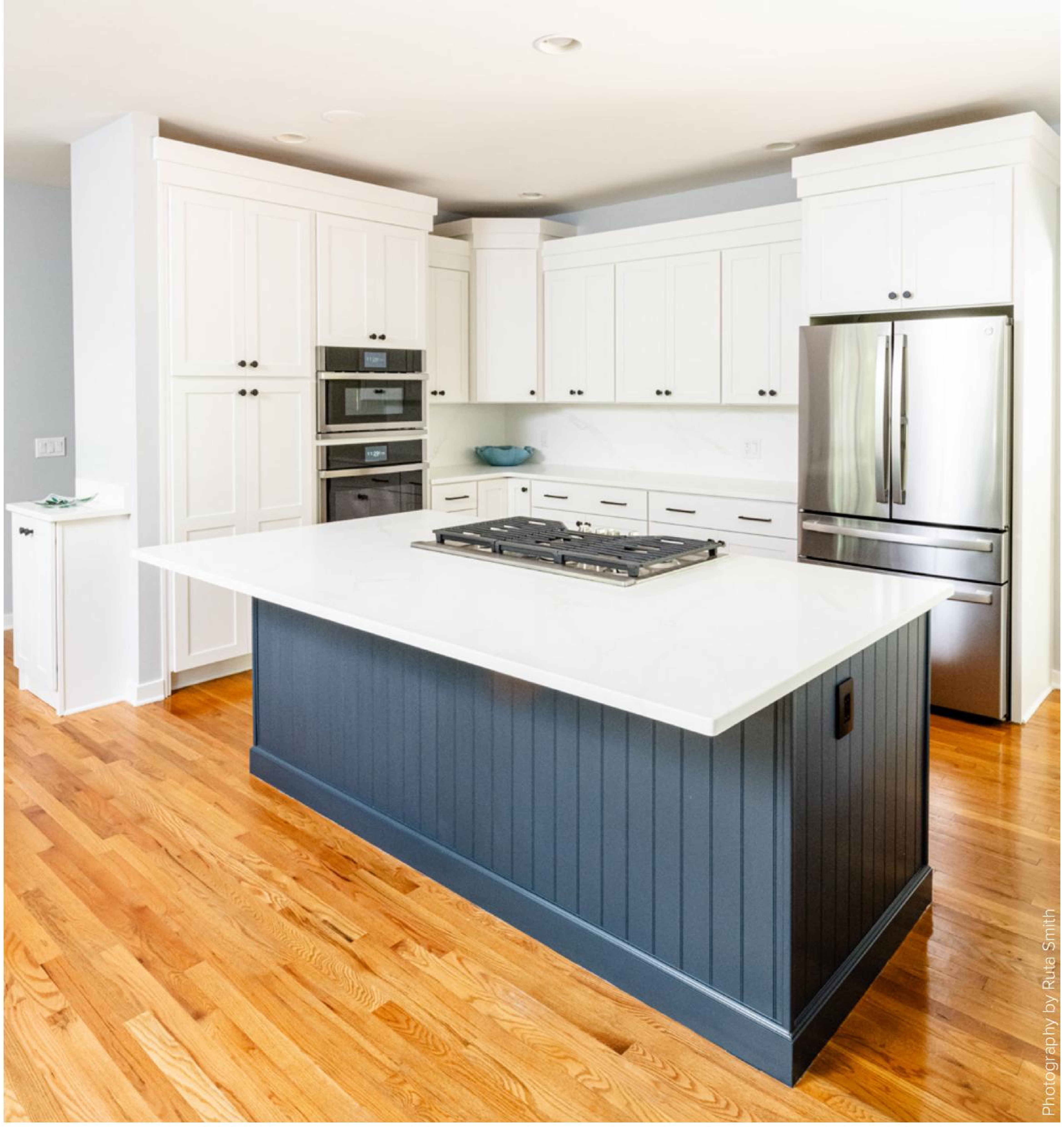
This remodel transformed the kitchen into a bright and welcoming centerpiece of the home. Crisp white cabinets and quartz countertops provide a timeless foundation, while the blue island adds striking contrast. The result is a fresh, modern space with a clean, inviting feel.

Kitchen Remodel by Kitchen Tune-Up, kitchentuneup.com/charleston-sc-swanson



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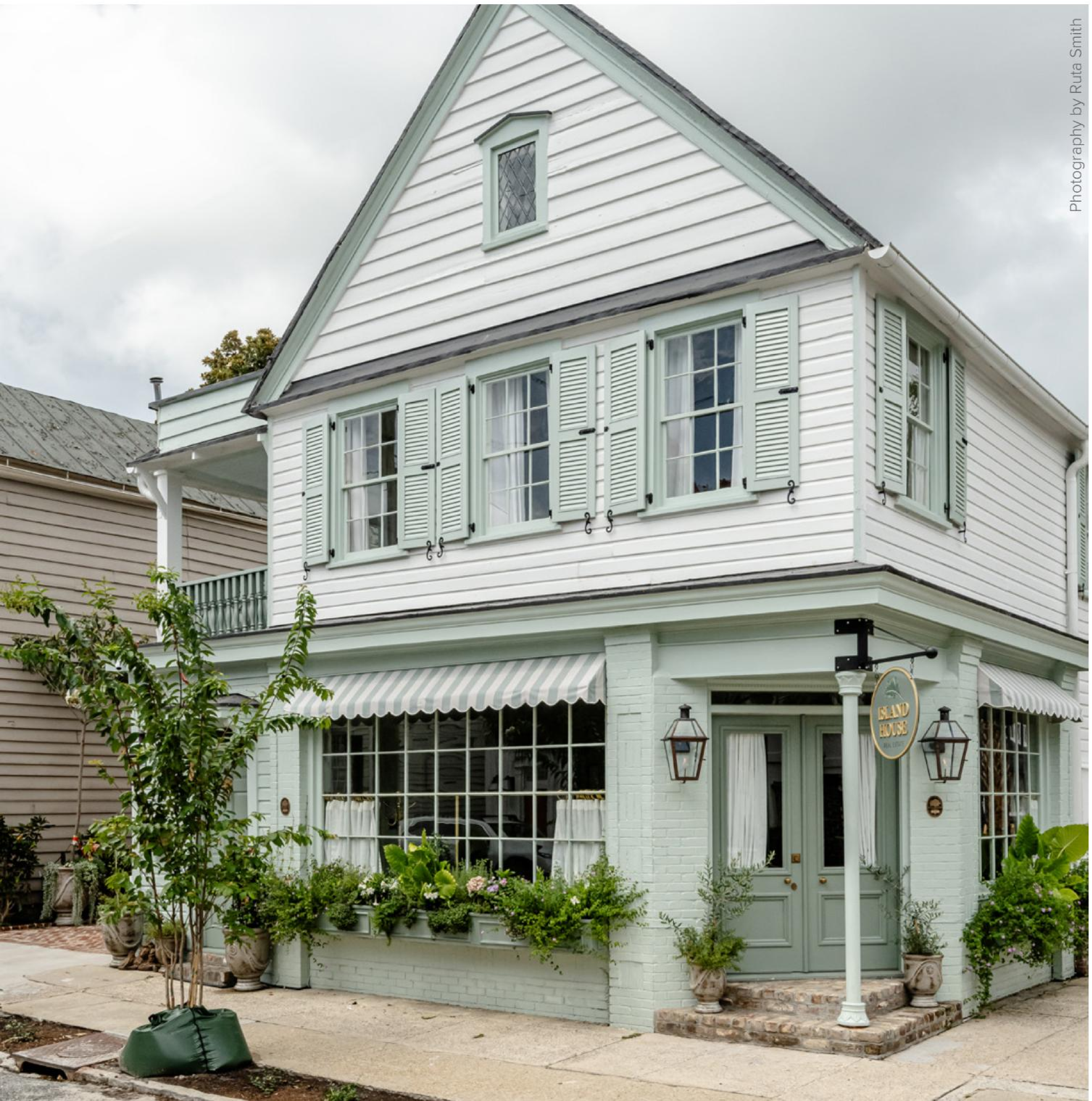

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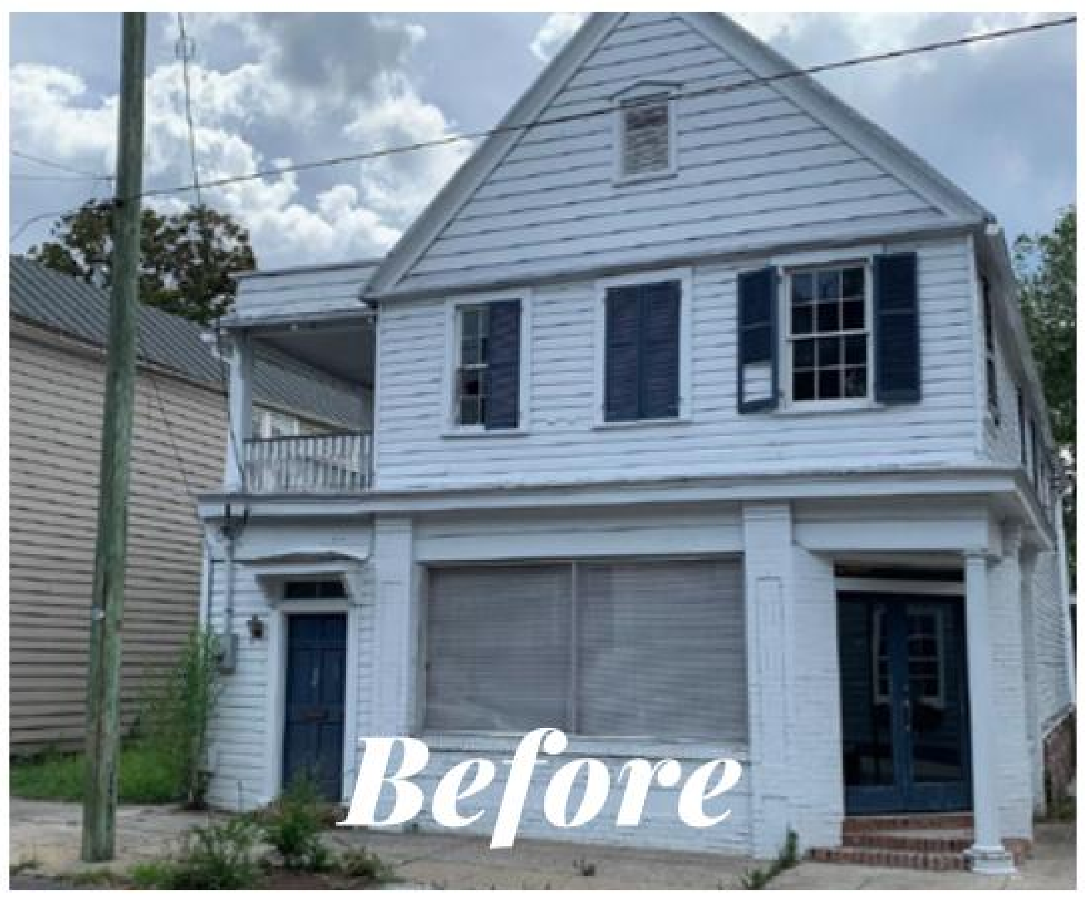

The original home featured small rooms with low ceilings and slanted floors, all of which needed substantial structural support. The kitchen, previously an addition, was moved to the center of the second floor, creating an open-concept space that flows seamlessly into a lofted living area. The raised ceilings and exposed rafters not only add a sense of grandeur but also pay homage to the home's historical roots.

Historic Renovation by Island House Real Estate, islandhouserealeastate.com

Surface Material Makeover

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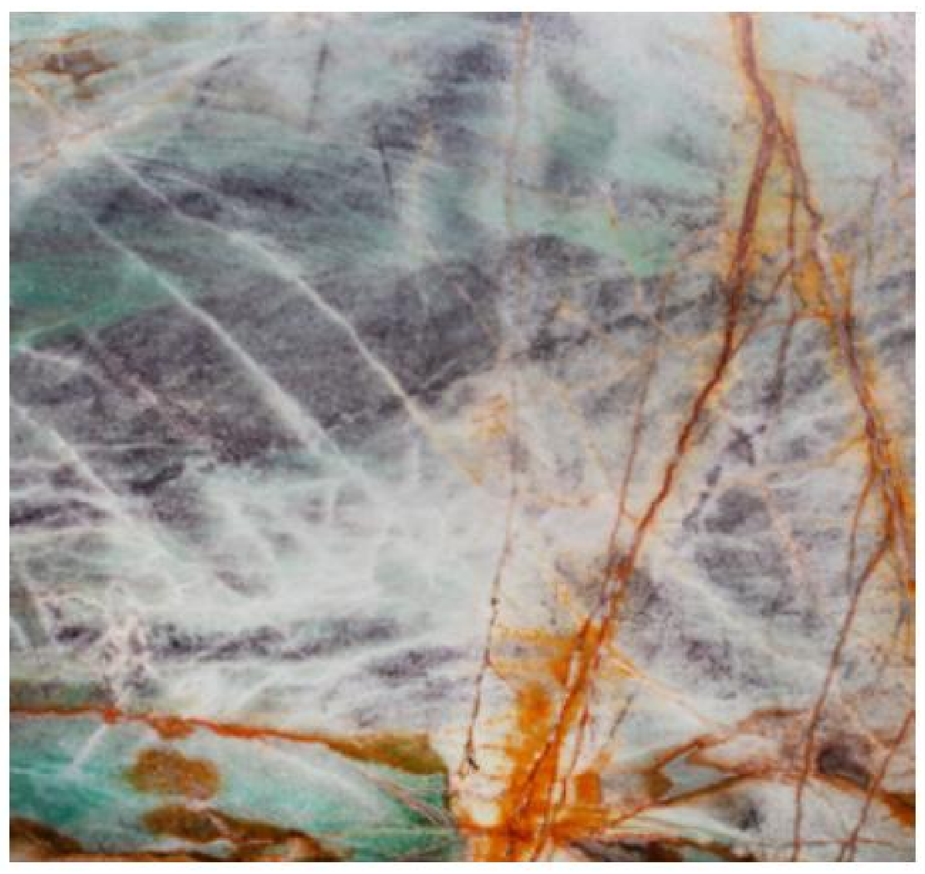

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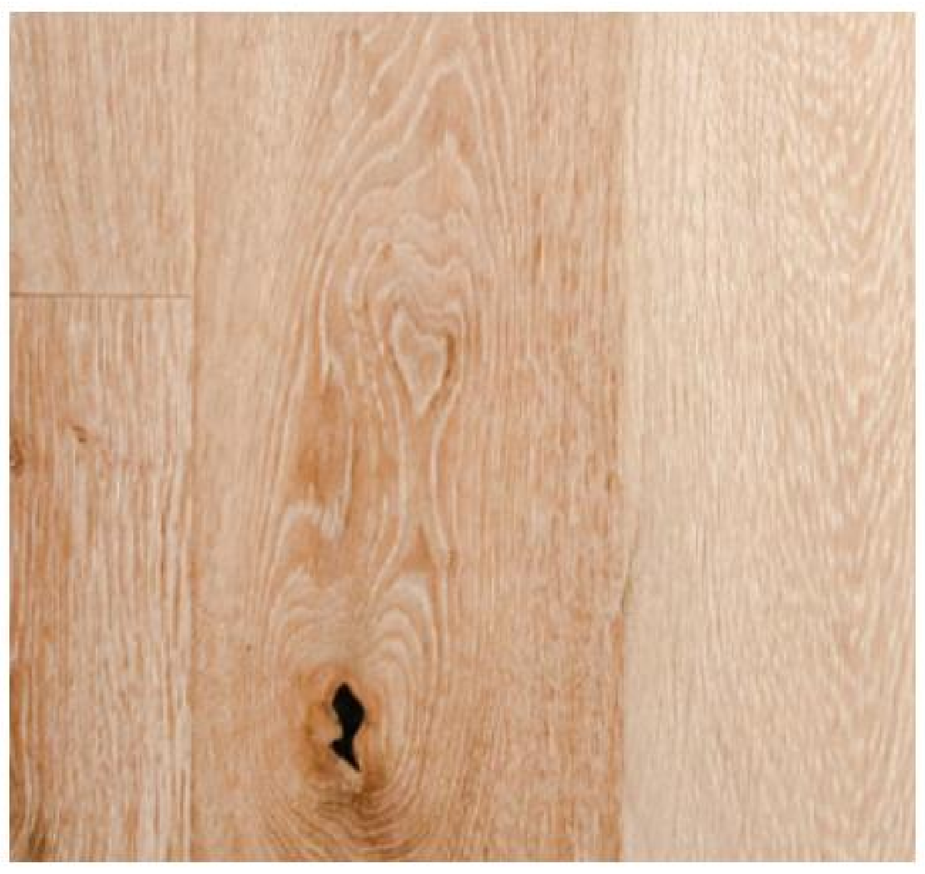

Palmetto Road Monet Hardwood
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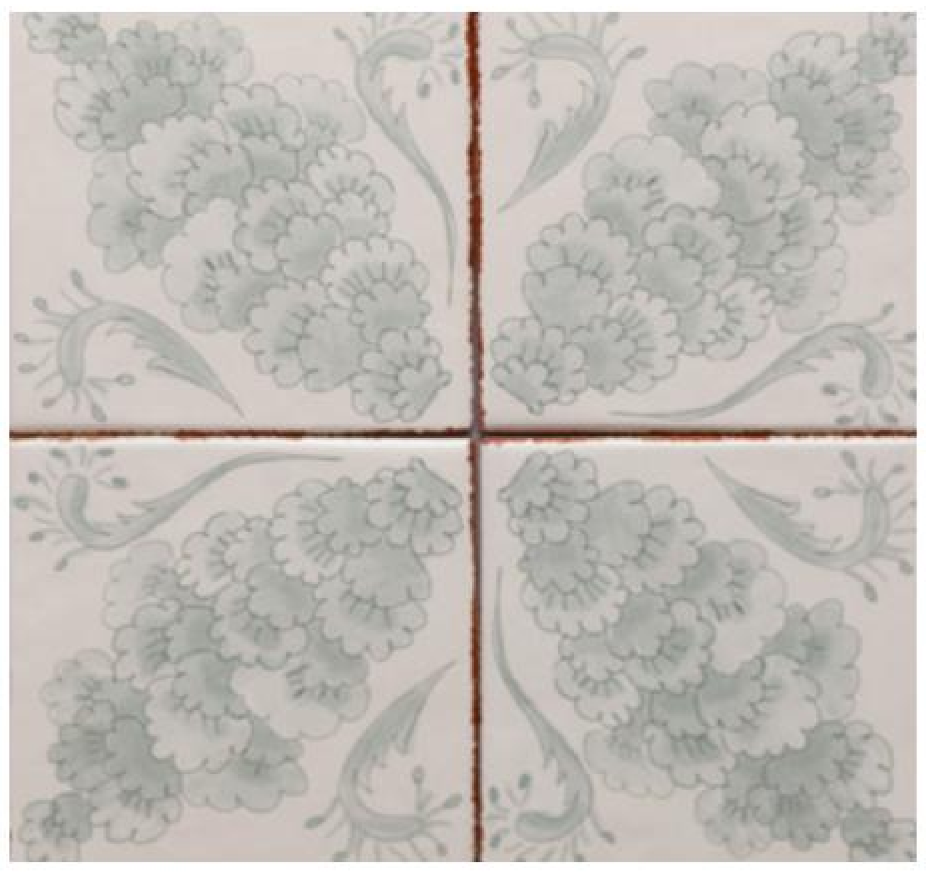

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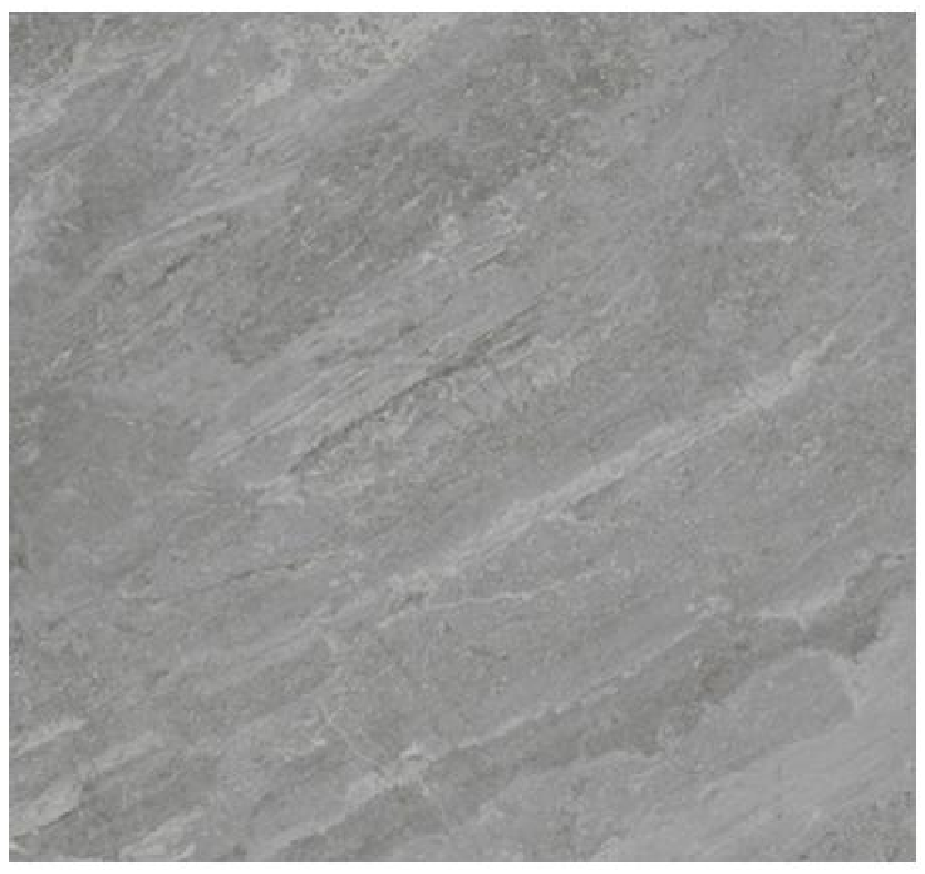

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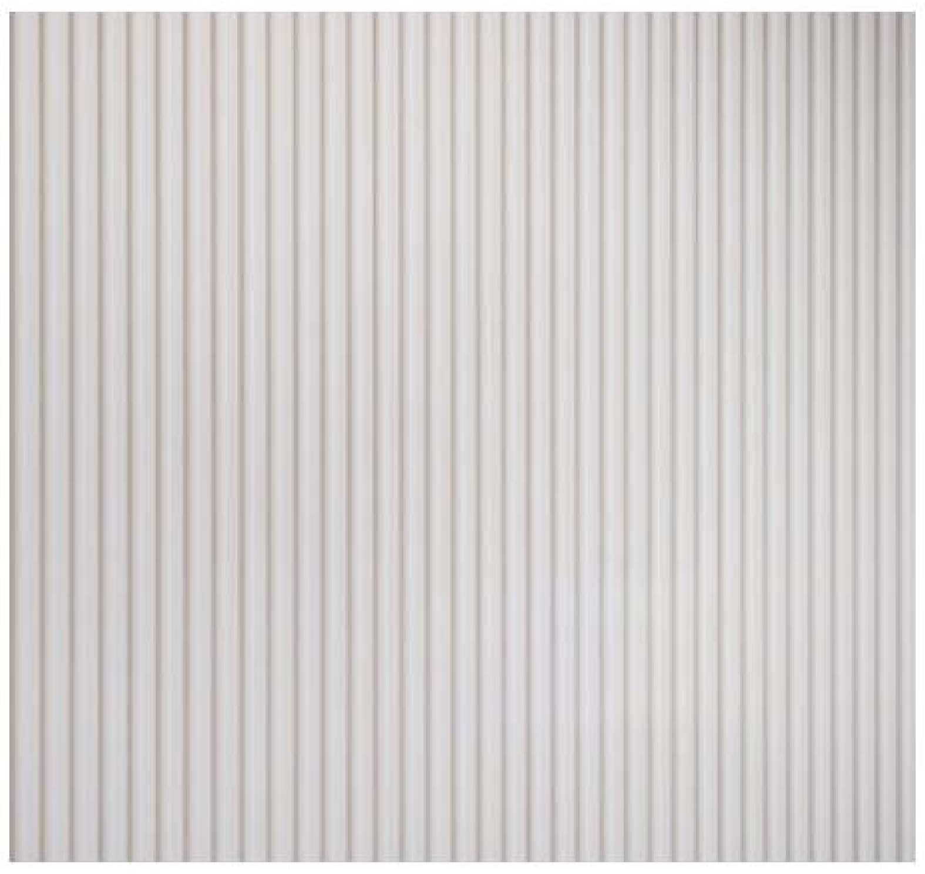

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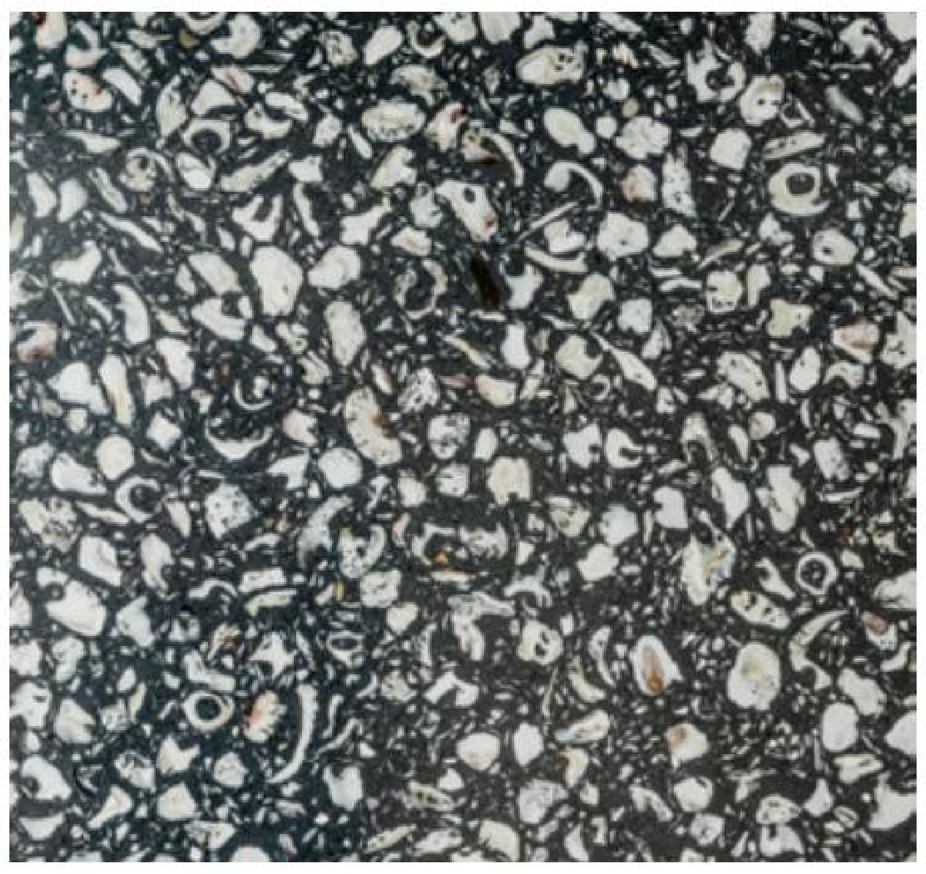

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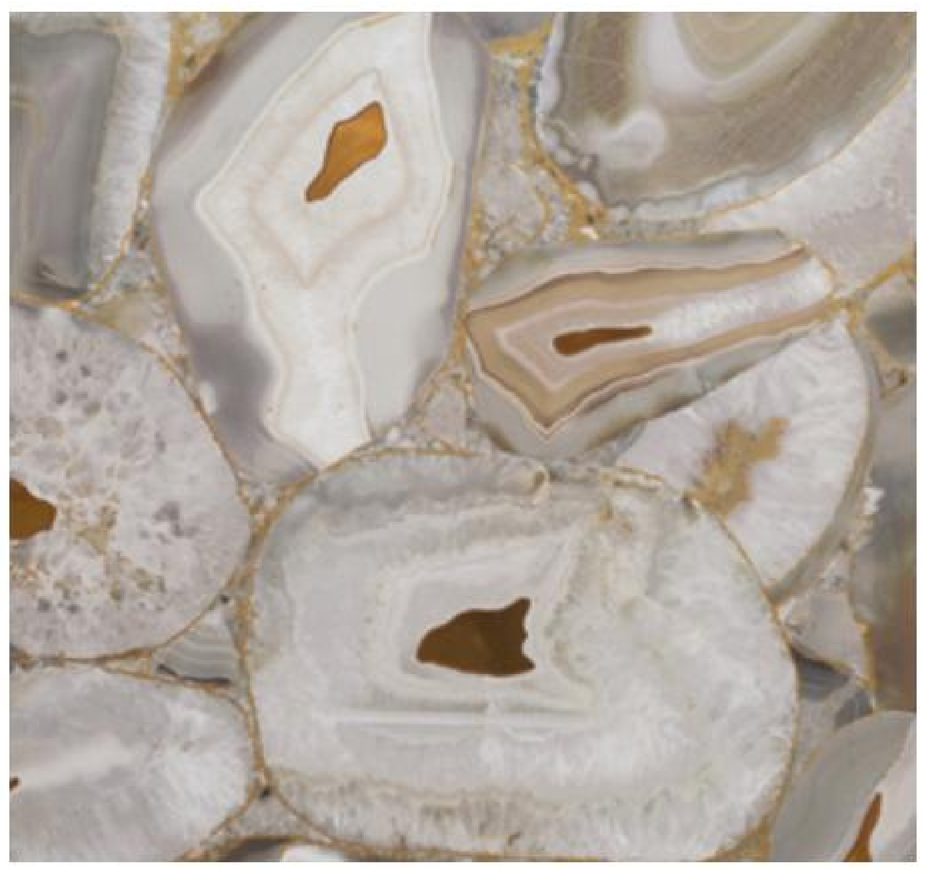

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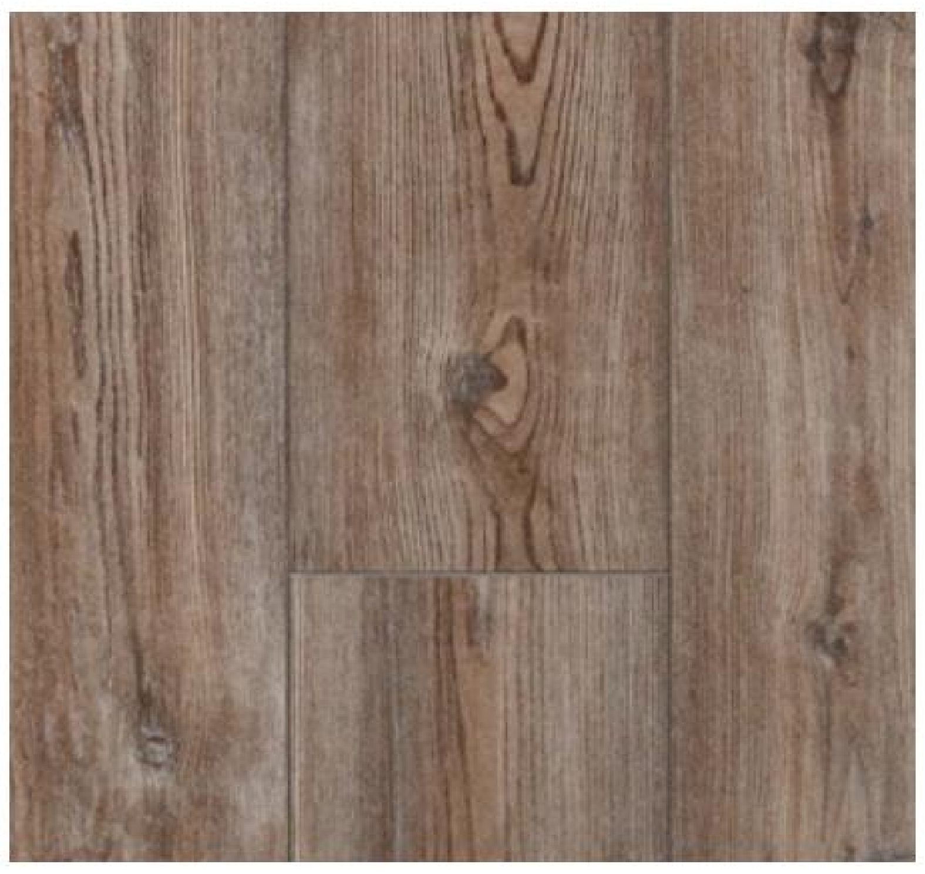

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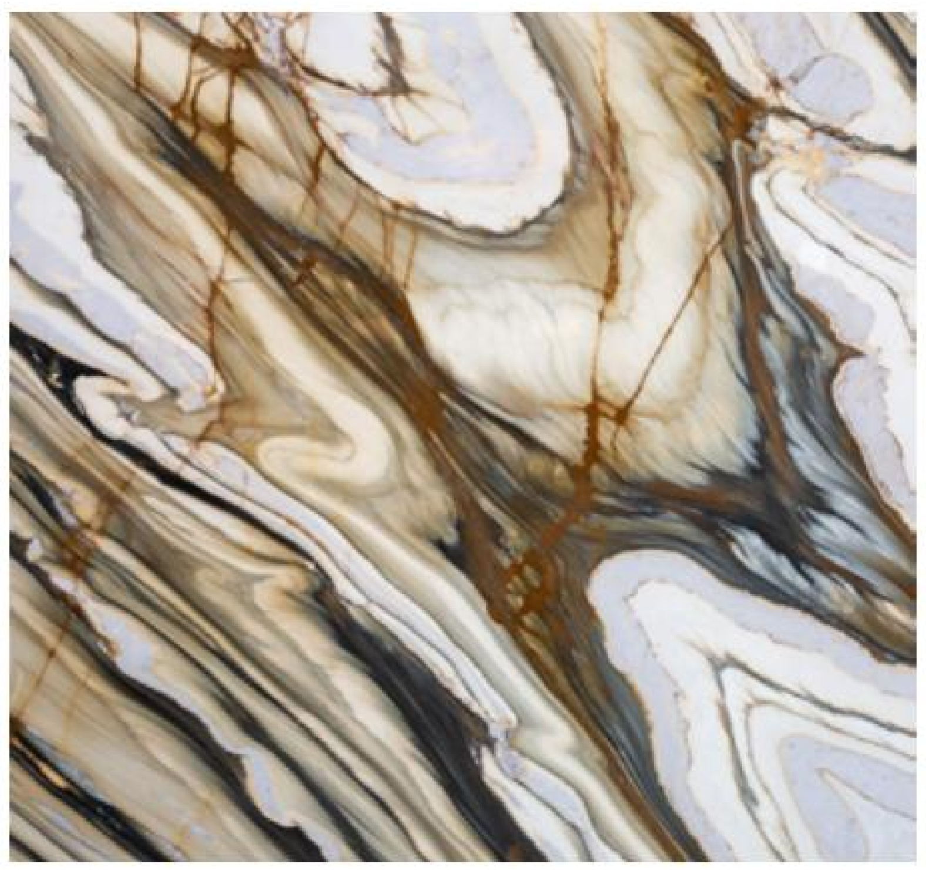

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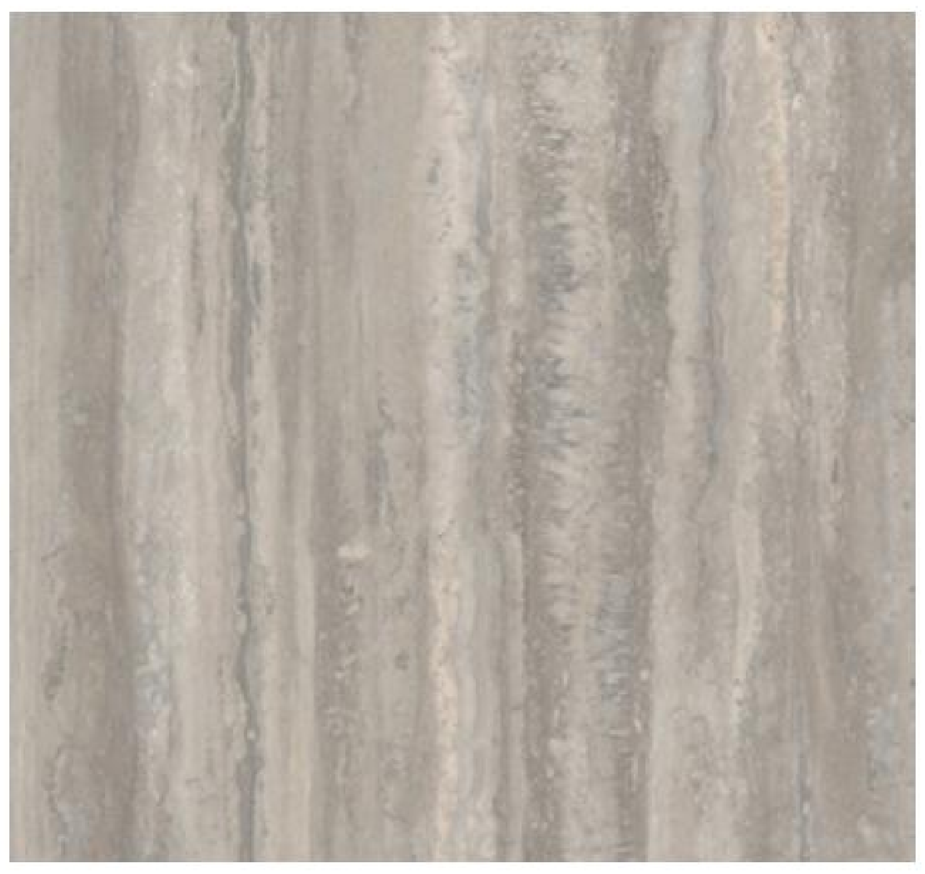

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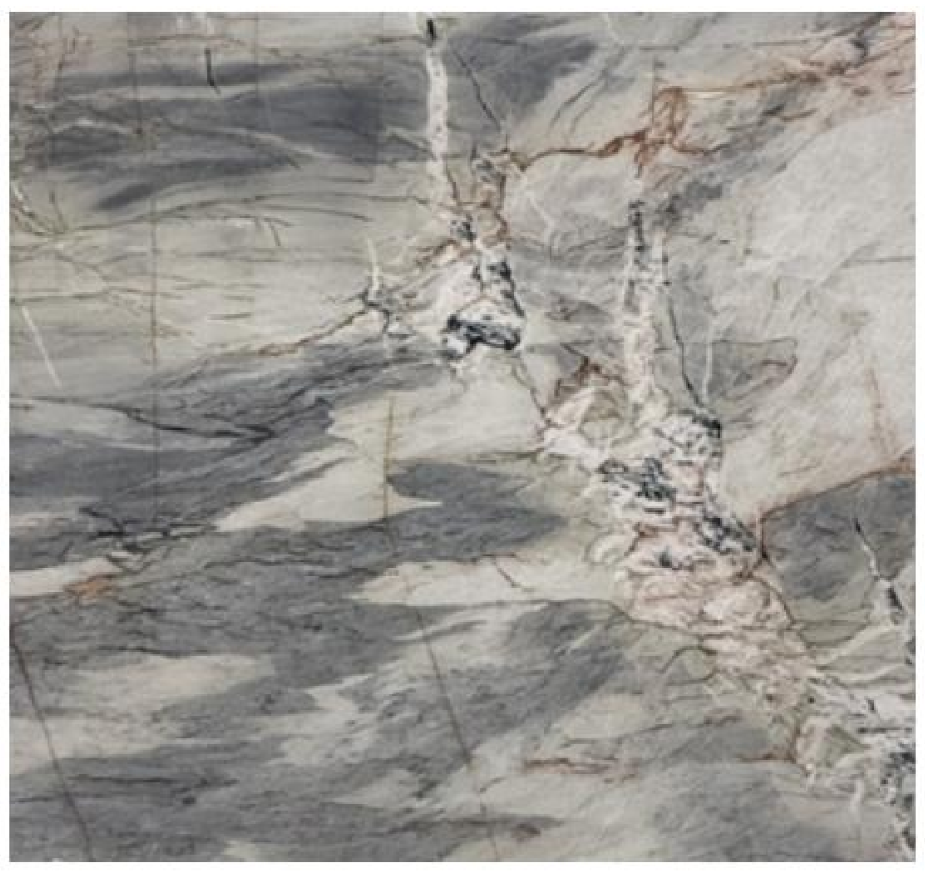

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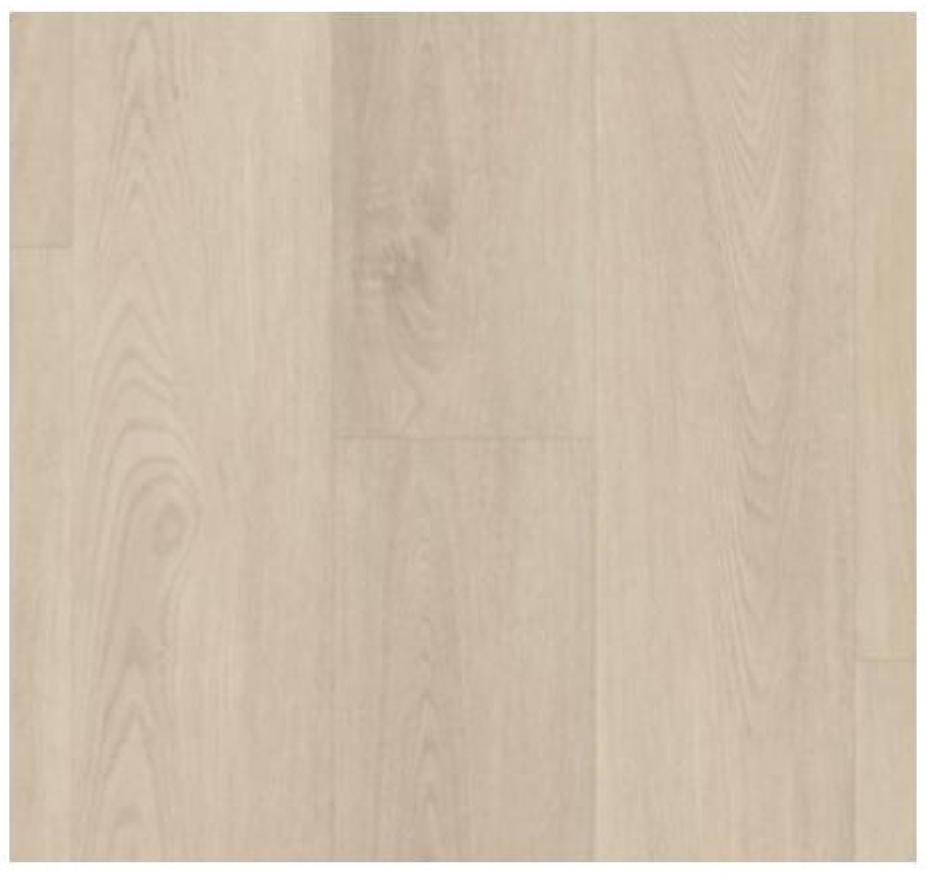

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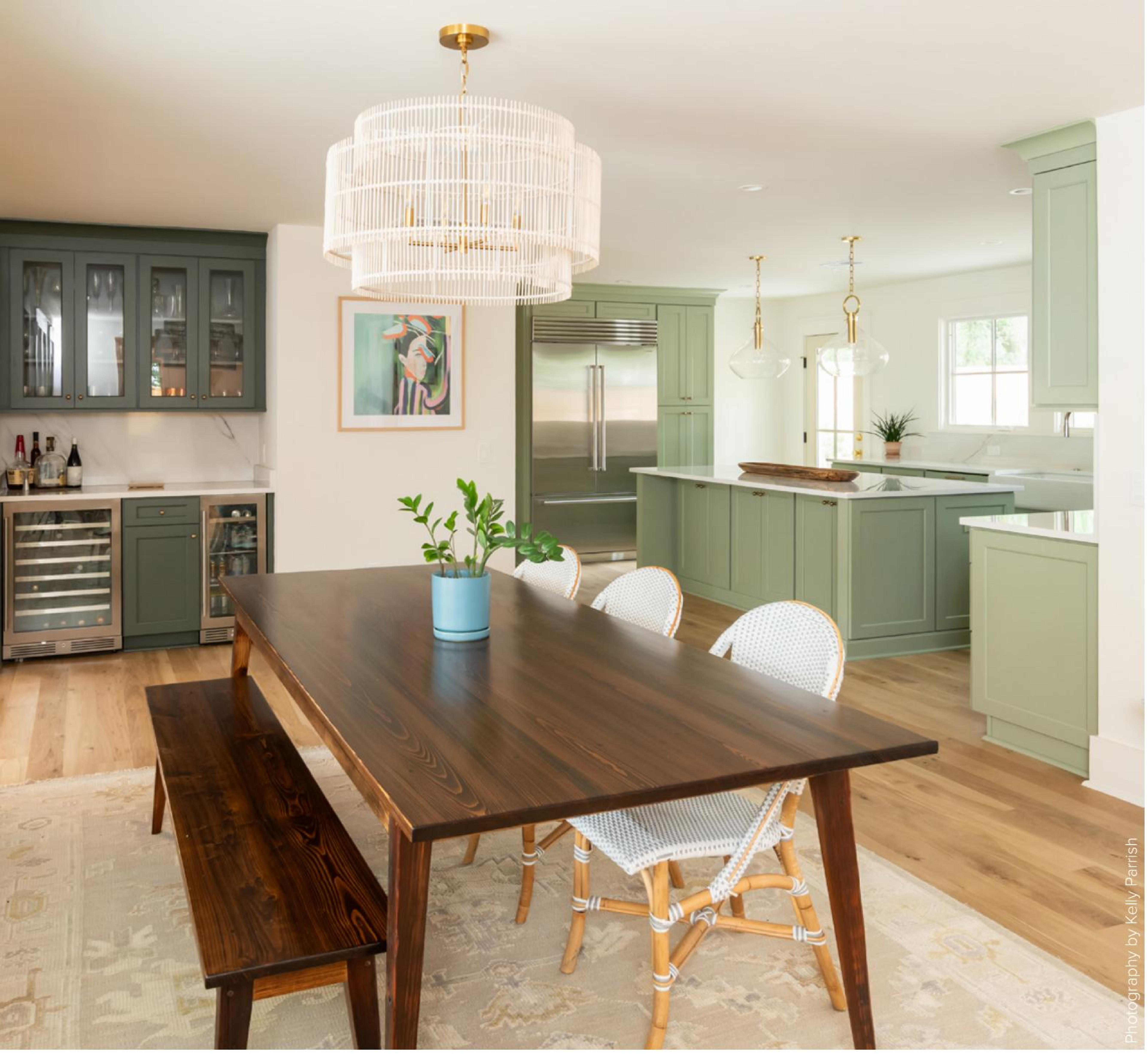

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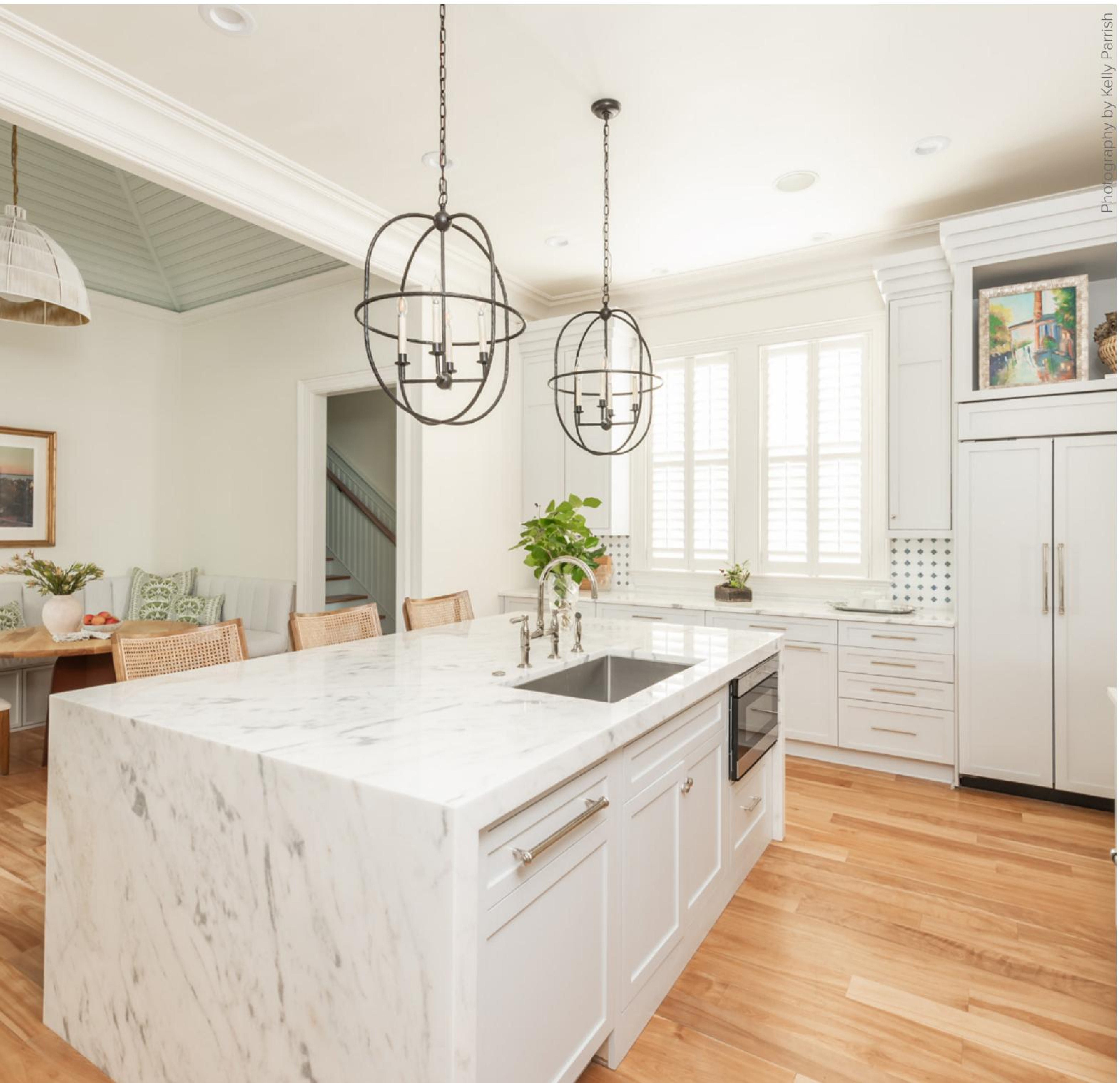
The finishing touch of a kitchen renovation is harmonious lighting. Carolina Lanterns & Lighting sourced Hudson Valley pendants for above the kitchen island and a Visual Comfort Co. wide drum chandelier with a natural bamboo shade to highlight the dining room. Both styles can be seen at once in this open floor plan and the mix of material creates a layered ambiance.

Hudson Valley Lina Pendants and Elio 4-Light Drum Chandelier Sourced by Carolina Lanterns & Lighting, carolinalanterns.com



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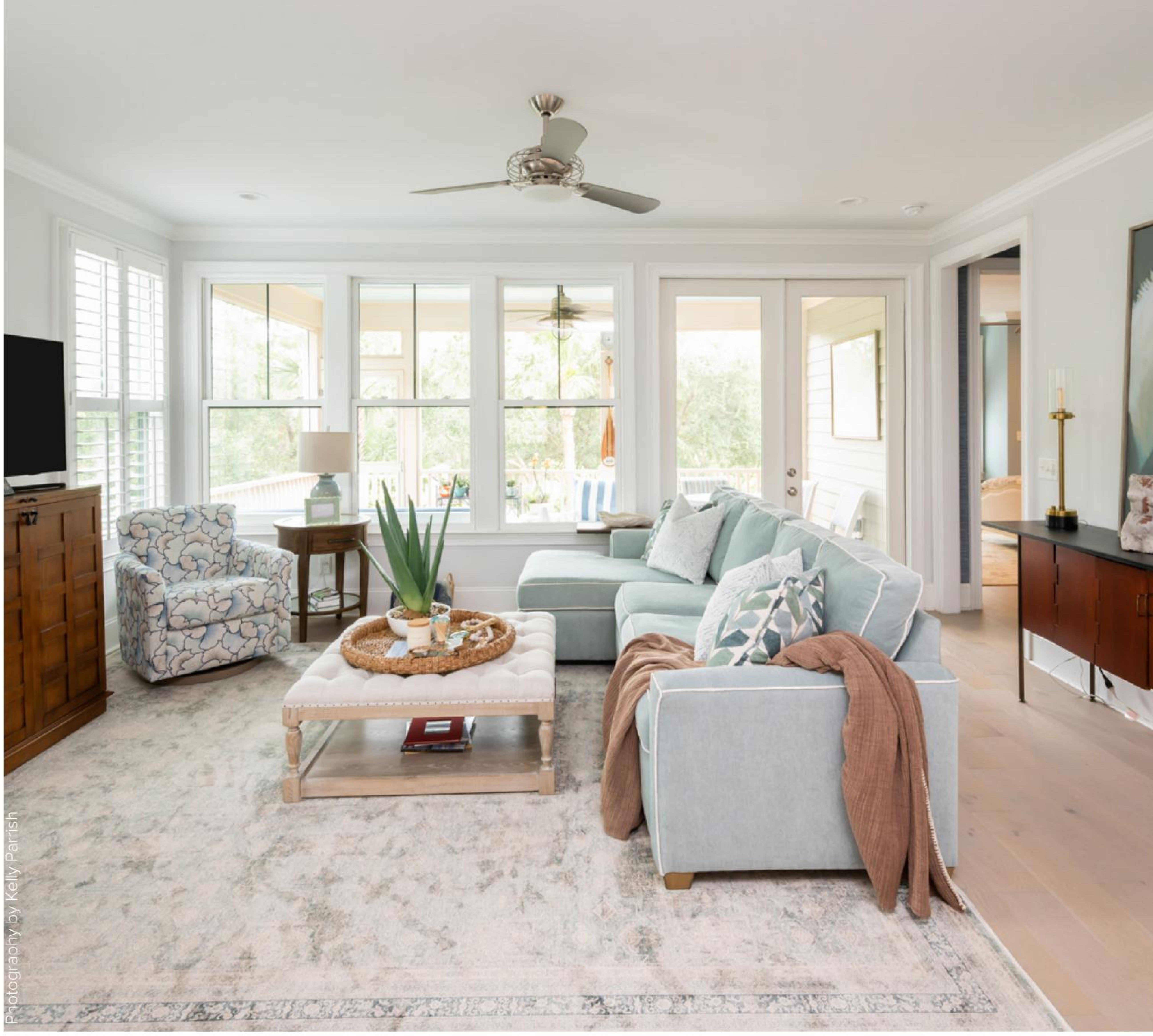
Initially built in 2007, this kitchen was weighed down by heavy trims, dark granite, and dated finishes. This designer breathed new life into the space by expanding the island for added storage and workspace, replacing the upper cabinetry, and updating the lower doors. Farrow & Ball's "Blackened" paint adds depth to the refreshed cabinets, reading blue or gray depending on the light. A homeowner-selected backsplash anchors the palette with subtle French bistro flair, while a dolomite island countertop from AGM Imports offers a sophisticated finishing touch.

Kitchen Remodel Designed by Claudia Leonard Interiors, claudialeonardinteriors.com

“A renovation isn’t complete until the furniture speaks the same language as the space.” — John Dolan, Seawah Furniture | Design

Accessories and Furnishings by Seawah Furniture | Design, seawahfurniture.com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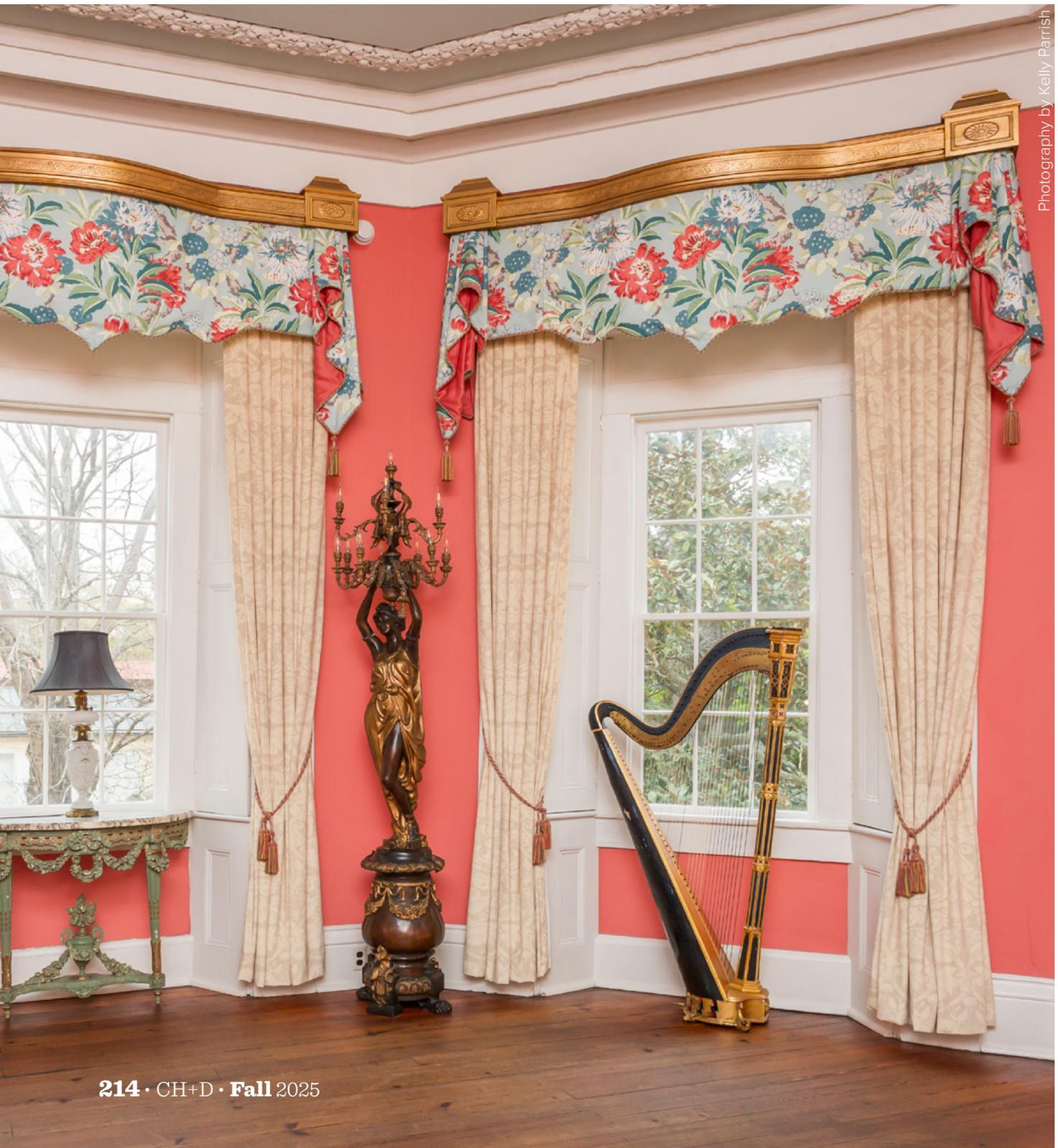
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Jean’s Custom Workroom designed bespoke window treatments that beautifully accentuate the historic charm of The William Aiken House.

Custom Upholstery and Drapery by Jean’s Custom Workroom, jeanscustomworkroom.com

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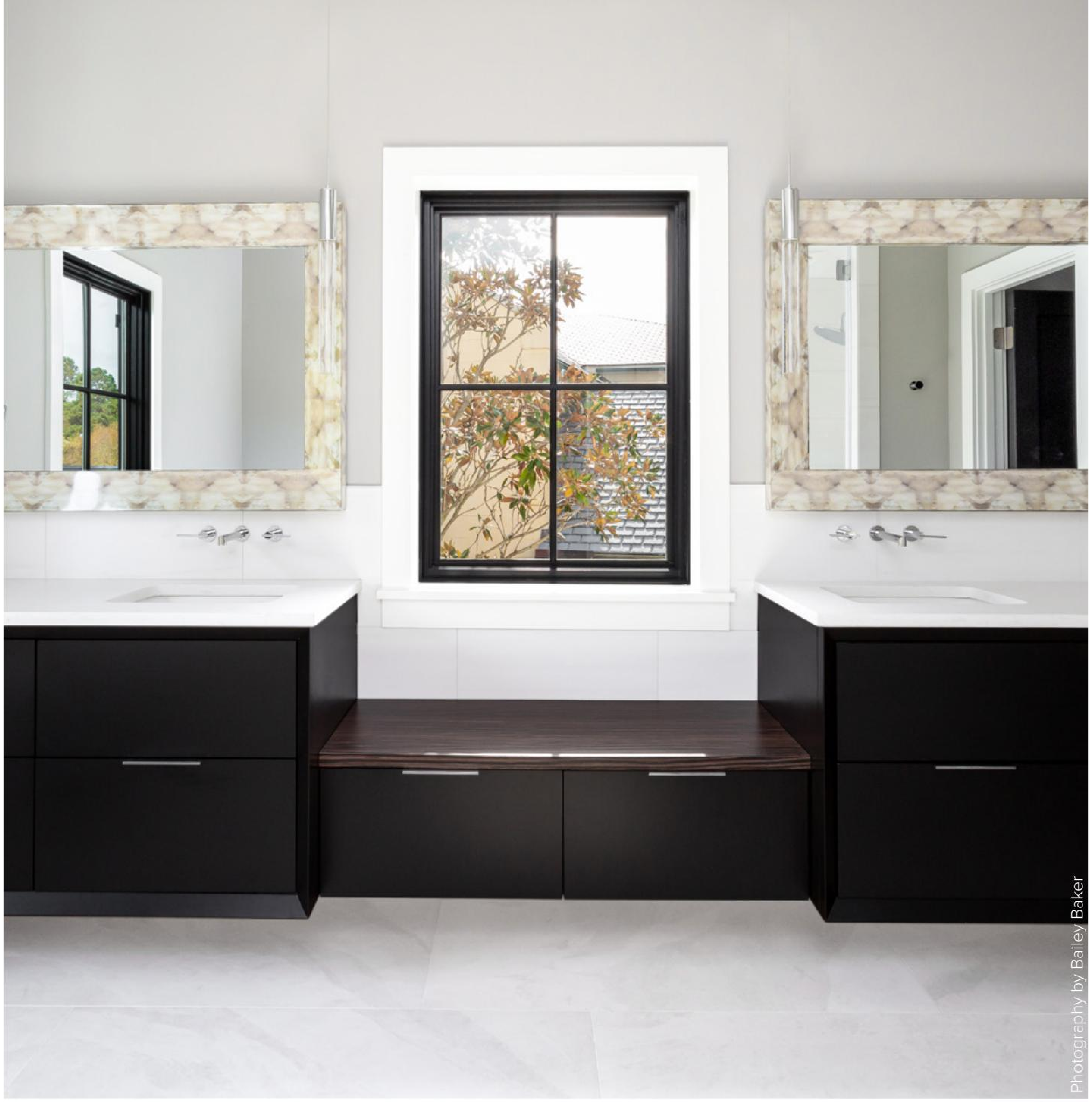
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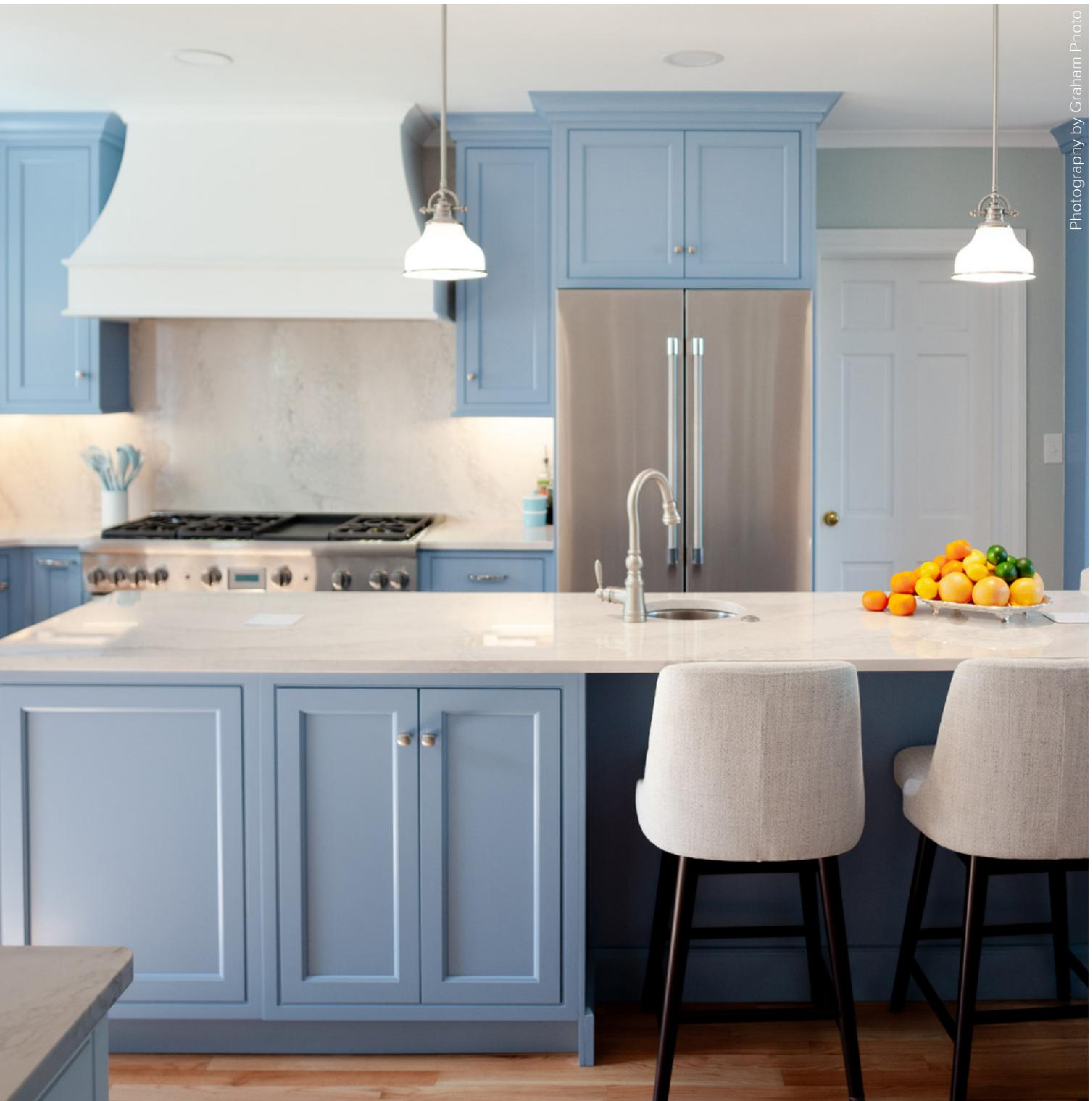
This once-traditional and outdated bathroom underwent a complete overhaul, featuring custom-engineered wood veneer vanities with a split feature and slow-to-close drawers.

Bathroom Vanities by HWC Custom Cabinetry, hwccustomcabinetry.com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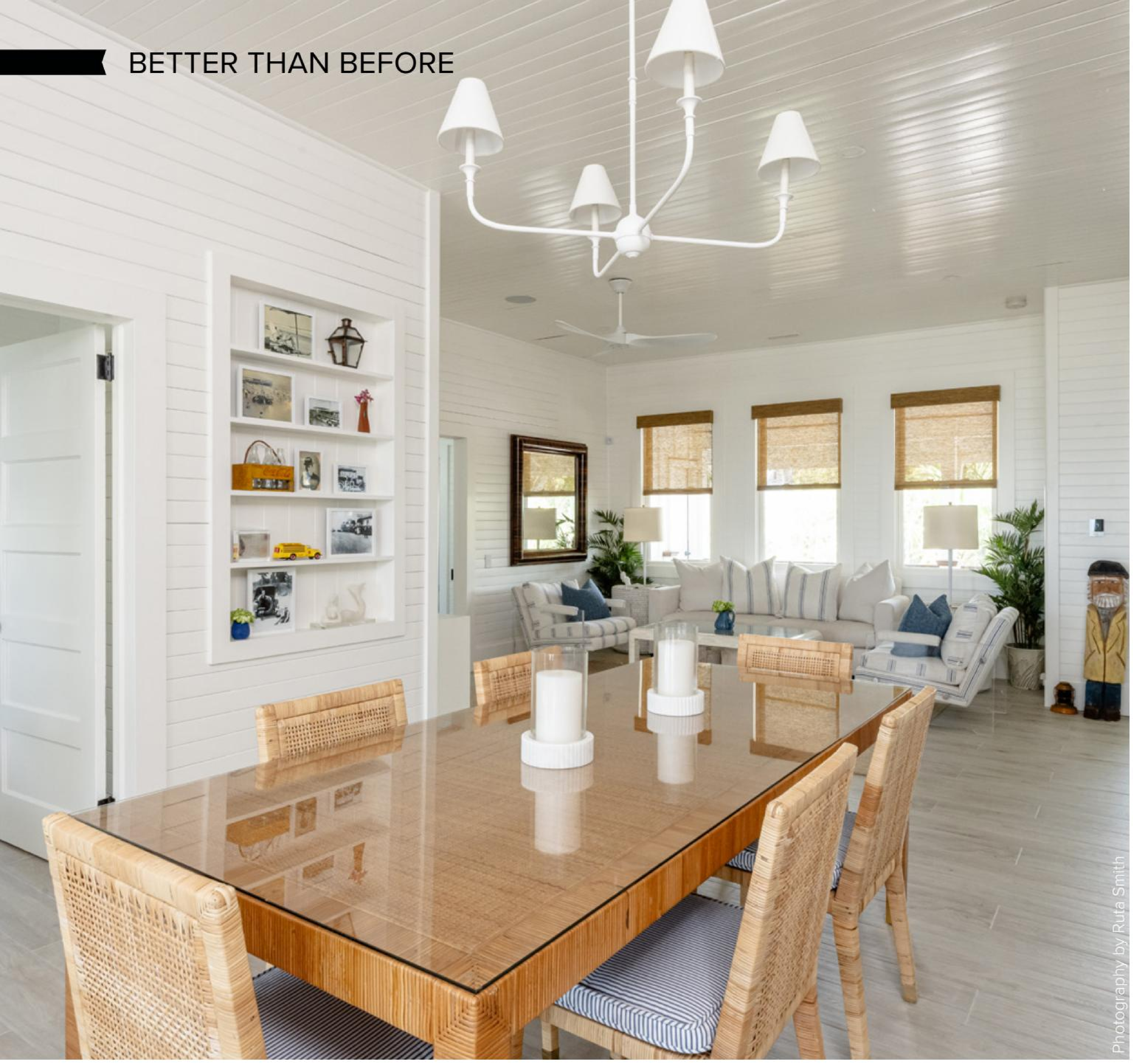
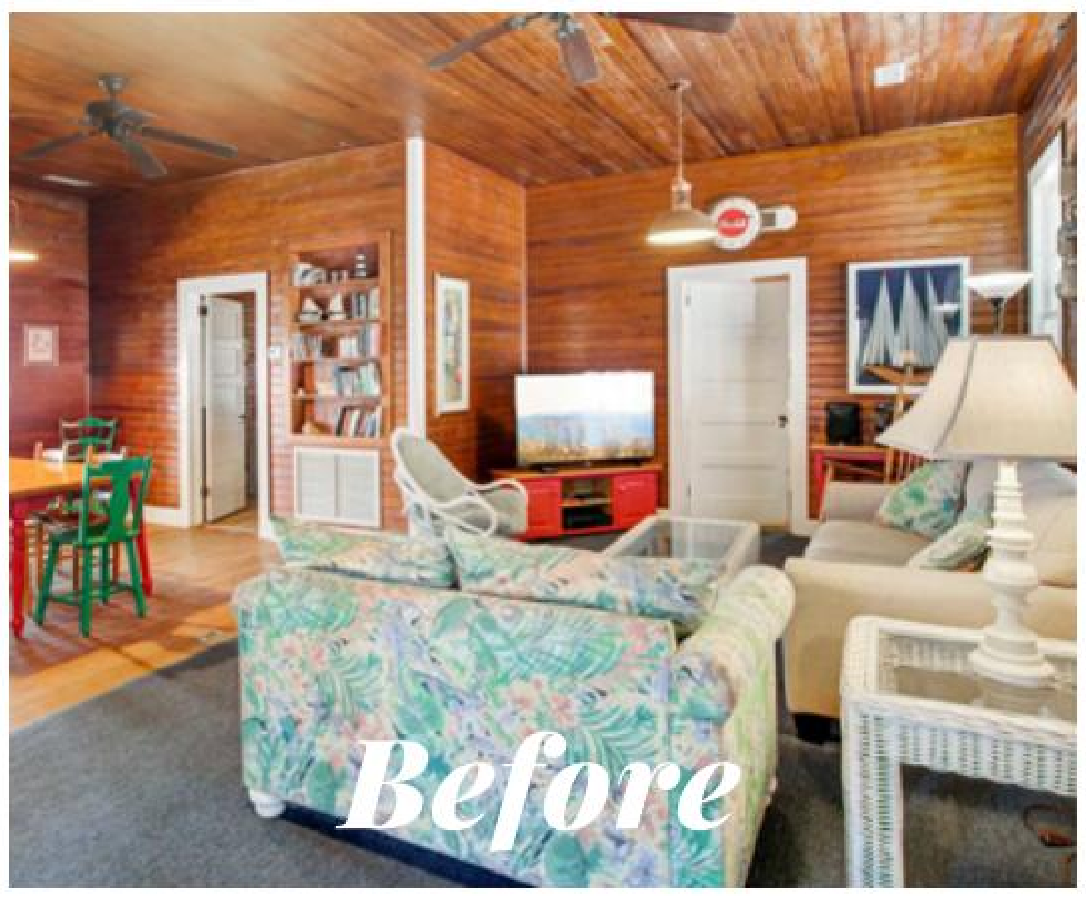
The kitchen was refreshed with a new coat of paint, using satin finishes on the walls for a soft sheen and durability. At the same time, semi-gloss was selected for the trim, molding, and cabinets to add subtle contrast and easy-to-clean surfaces. Designed by Heidi Huddleston of CKD Delicious Kitchens & Interiors.

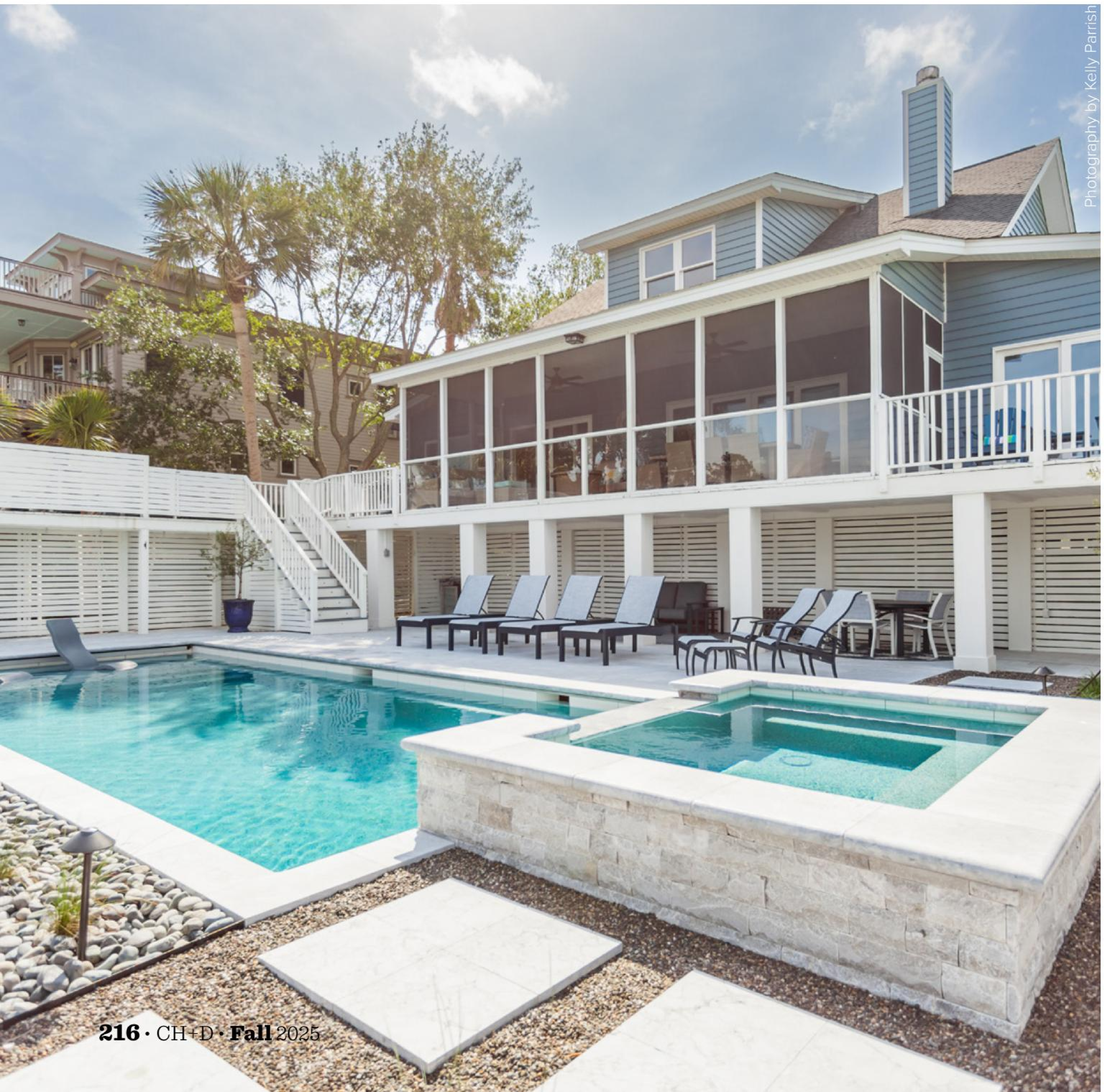
SW6521 Notable Hue Satin Finish by Sherwin-Williams, sherwin-williams.com

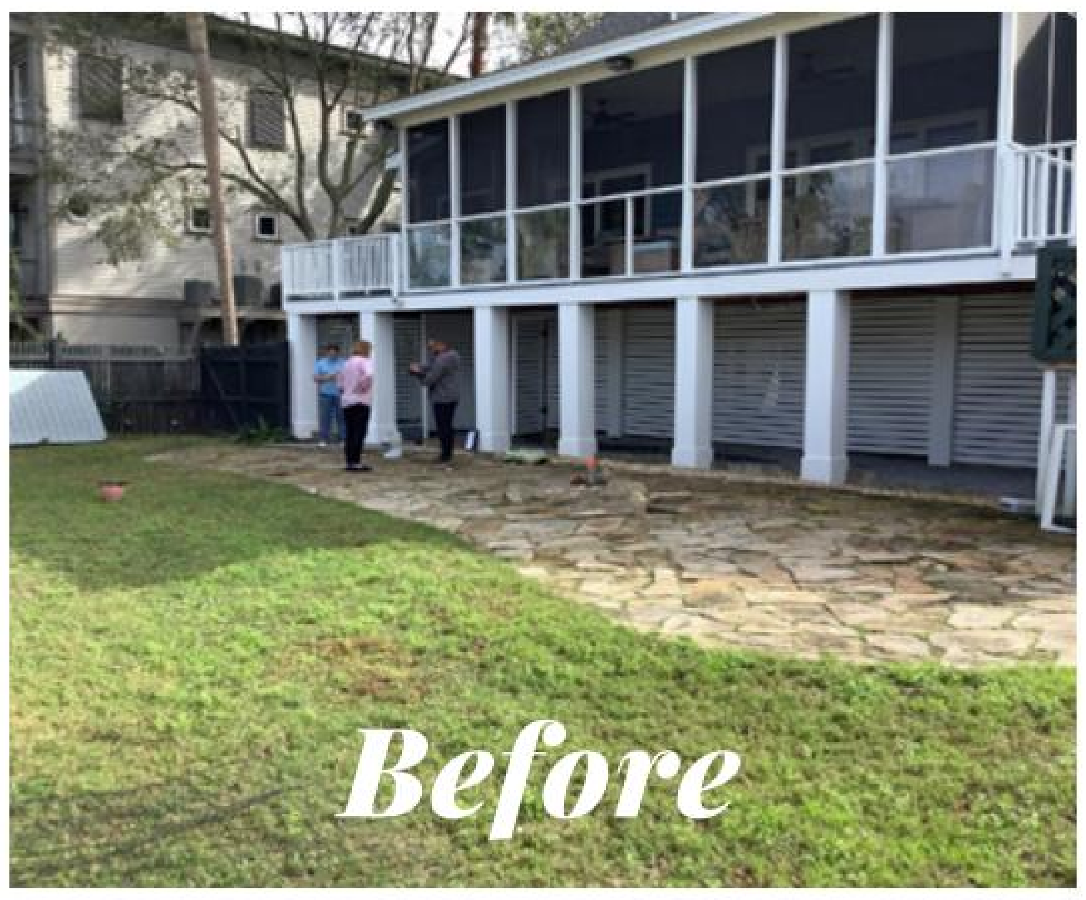




Built in 1929 as a summer retreat for Charleston Coca-Cola executives, the Folly Beach cottage had weathered hurricanes and suffered extensive termite damage, putting its historic fabric at risk. A proper restoration by CopeGrand Homes preserves the original footprint and saves the beadboard walls, ceilings, floors, and doors. The home now stands proudly on Front Beach, its 1929 character and coastal charm intact.

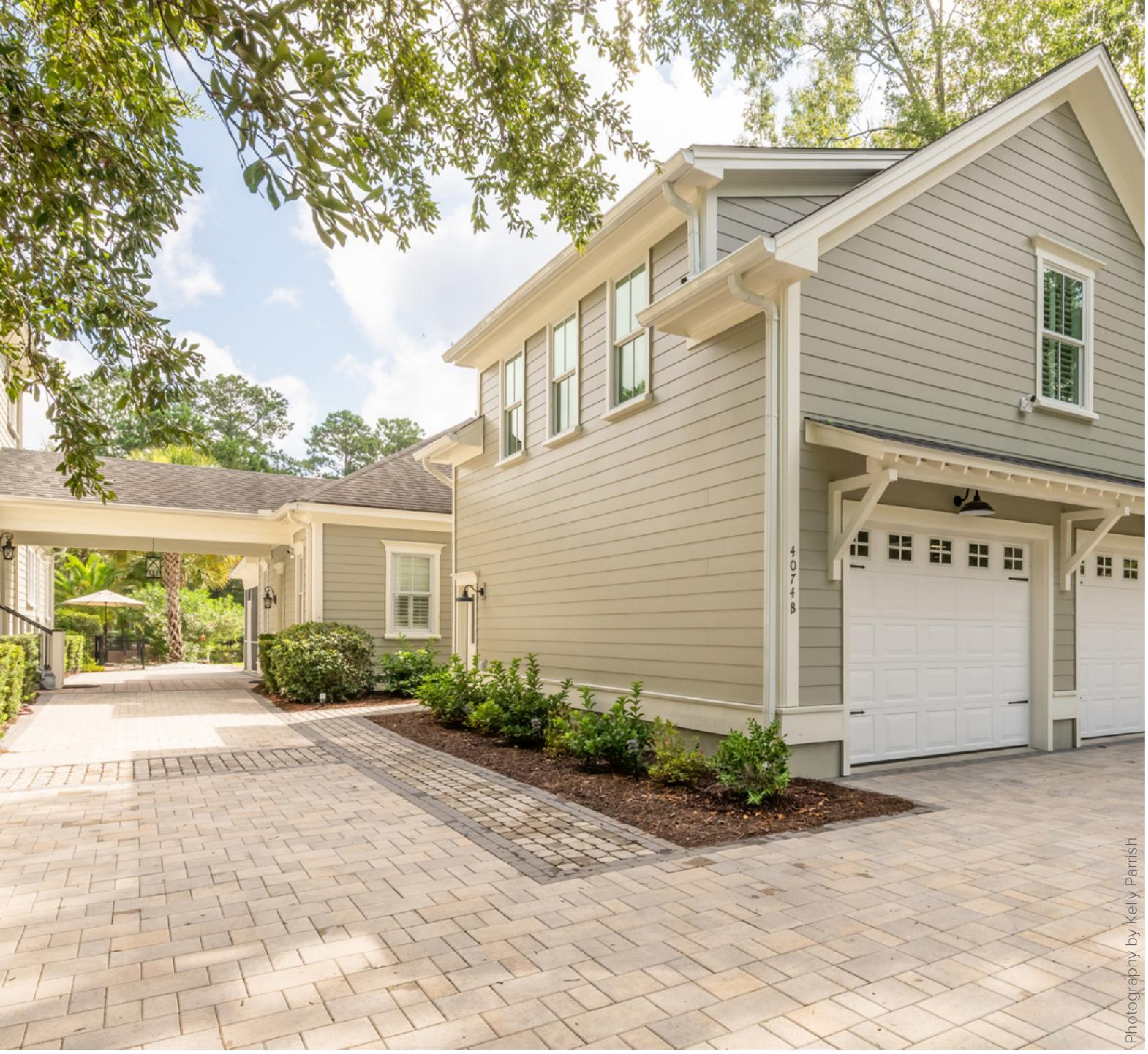
Historic Restoration by CopeGrand Homes, copegrandhomes.com





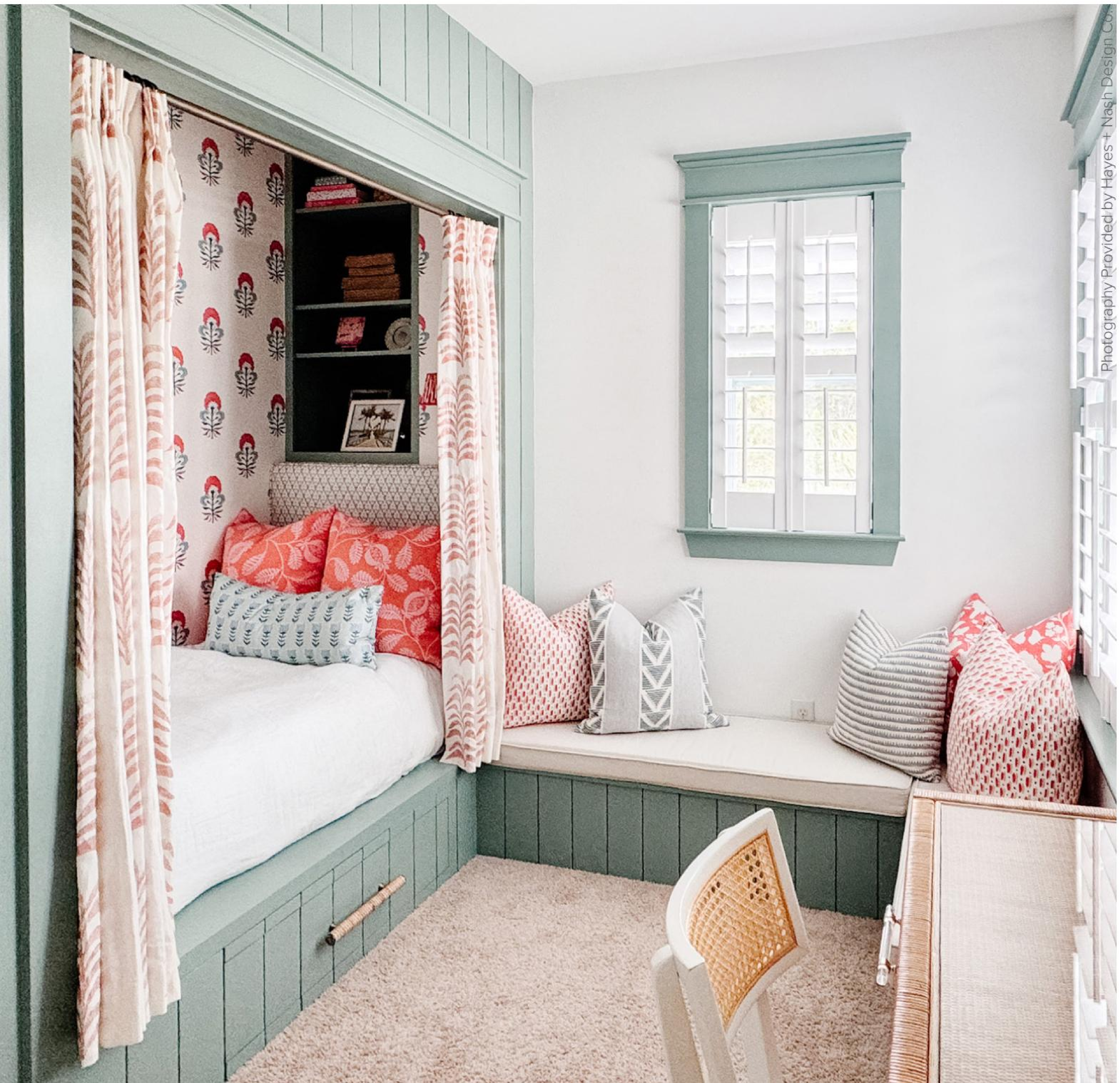
An underutilized backyard was transformed into an oasis with a custom hardscape and pool design, complete with an integrated spa and a sun ledge.

Pool Designed and Built by Aquatica Pools and Spas, aquaticapoolsandspas.com


Photography by Kelly Parrish

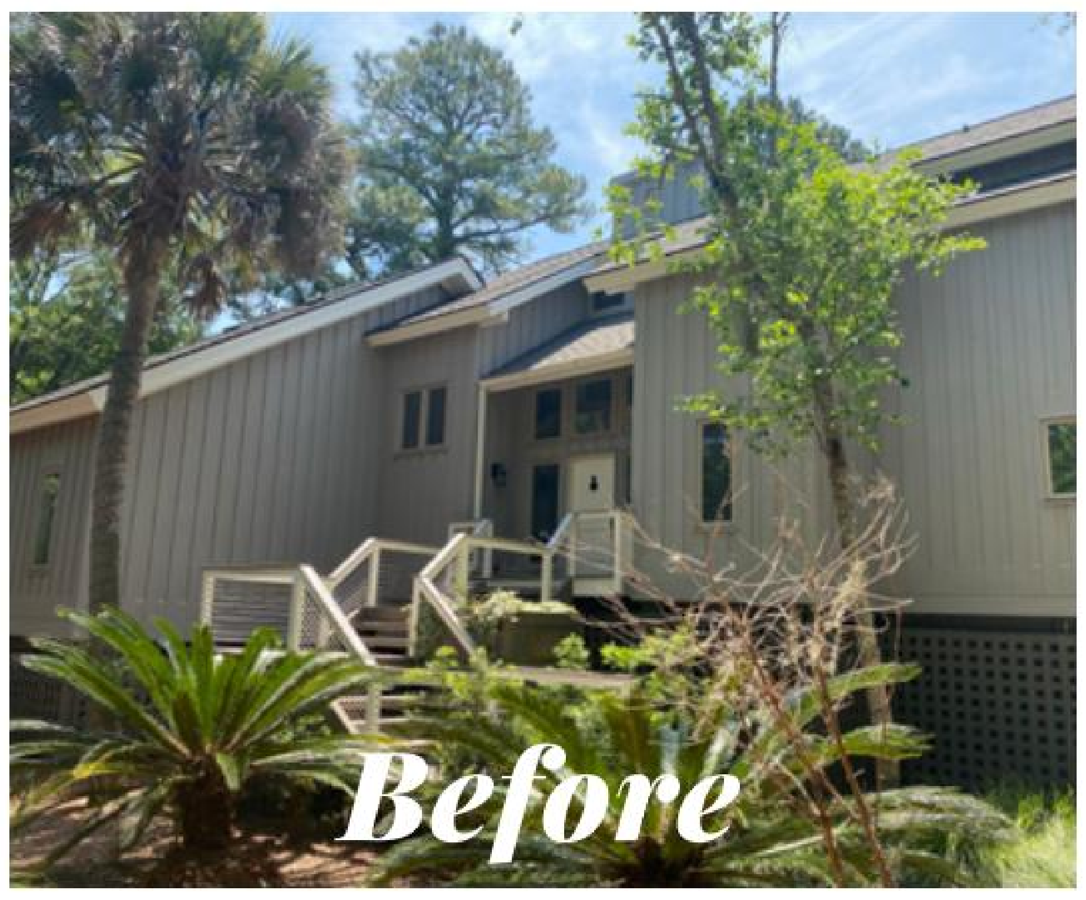
This project introduces a stylish new garage with a thoughtfully designed apartment above, complemented by an updated cabana that creates the perfect setting for entertaining.

Custom Cabana and Apartment Garage Remodel Designed by Jodi Crosby of Crosby Creations Home Designs, crosby-creations.com


Photography Provided by Hayes + Nash Design Co.

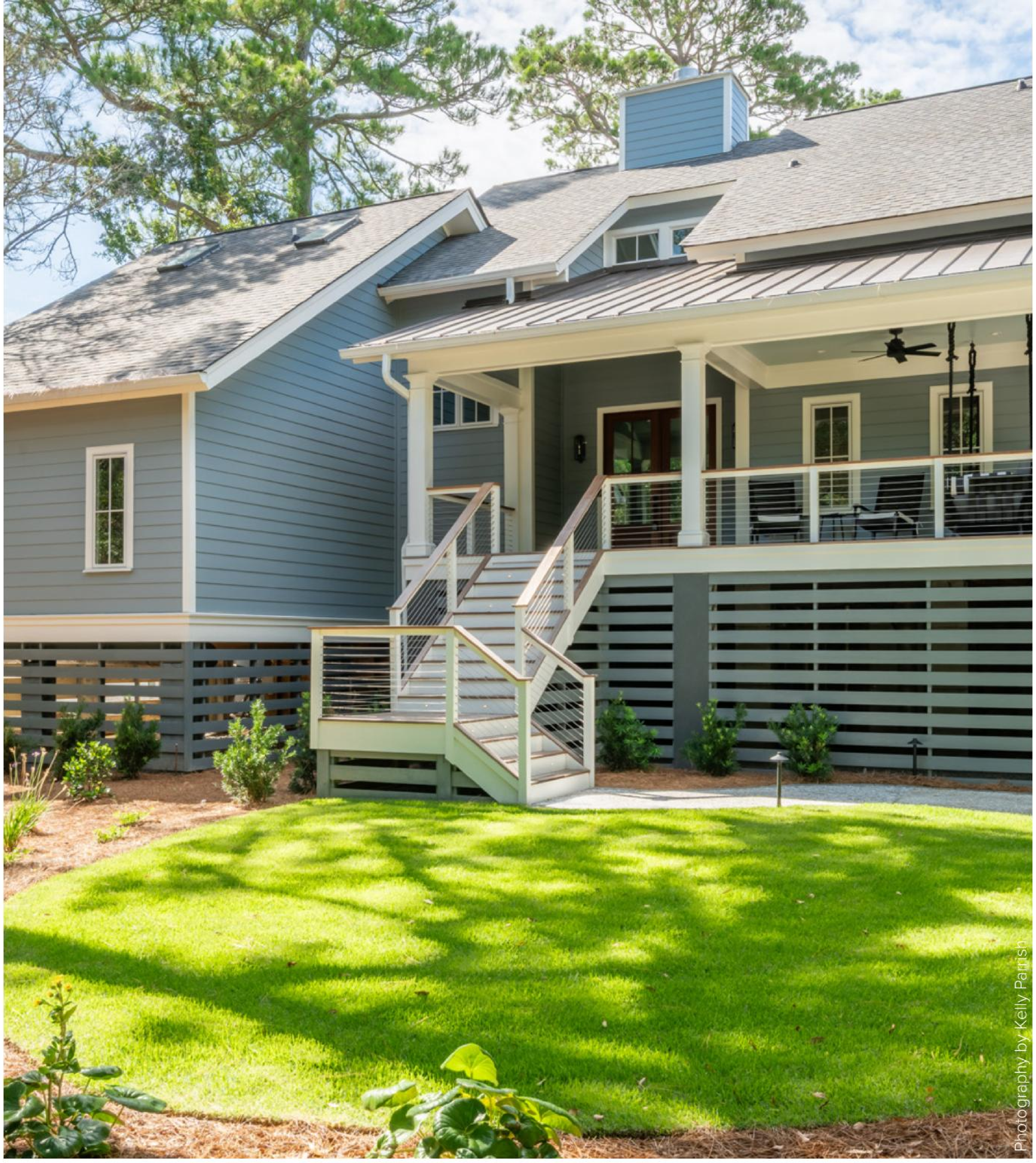
What was once an unused loft is now split into an ideally suited little girl's bedroom and multimedia space that will grow and evolve as she does.

Pillows and Décor from Shanty Shoppe, Interior Design by Hayes + Nash Design Co., hayesandnashdesignco.com



“Previously, the exterior was covered in grey/taupe vertical siding, which was very dated and unwelcoming. The new exterior is now coated with a beautiful blue paint, complete with new windows and siding. We created a front porch addition that now holds the reconfigured laundry room and a lovely porch. We made a much more welcoming entry space and an overall updated look throughout the home.” — Christy Ammerman, Classic Remodeling & Construction

Exterior Renovation by Classic Remodeling & Construction, classicremodeling.com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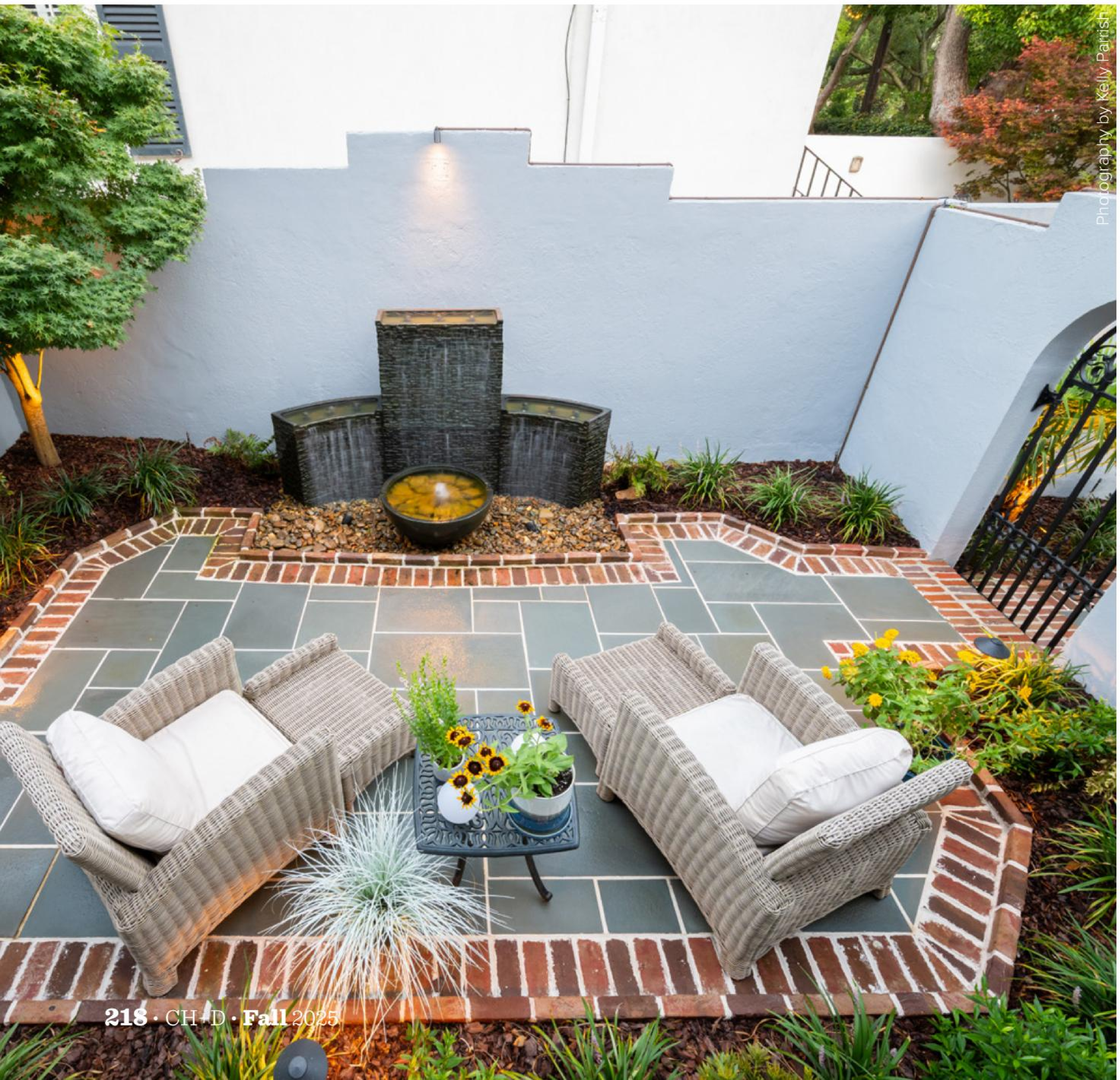
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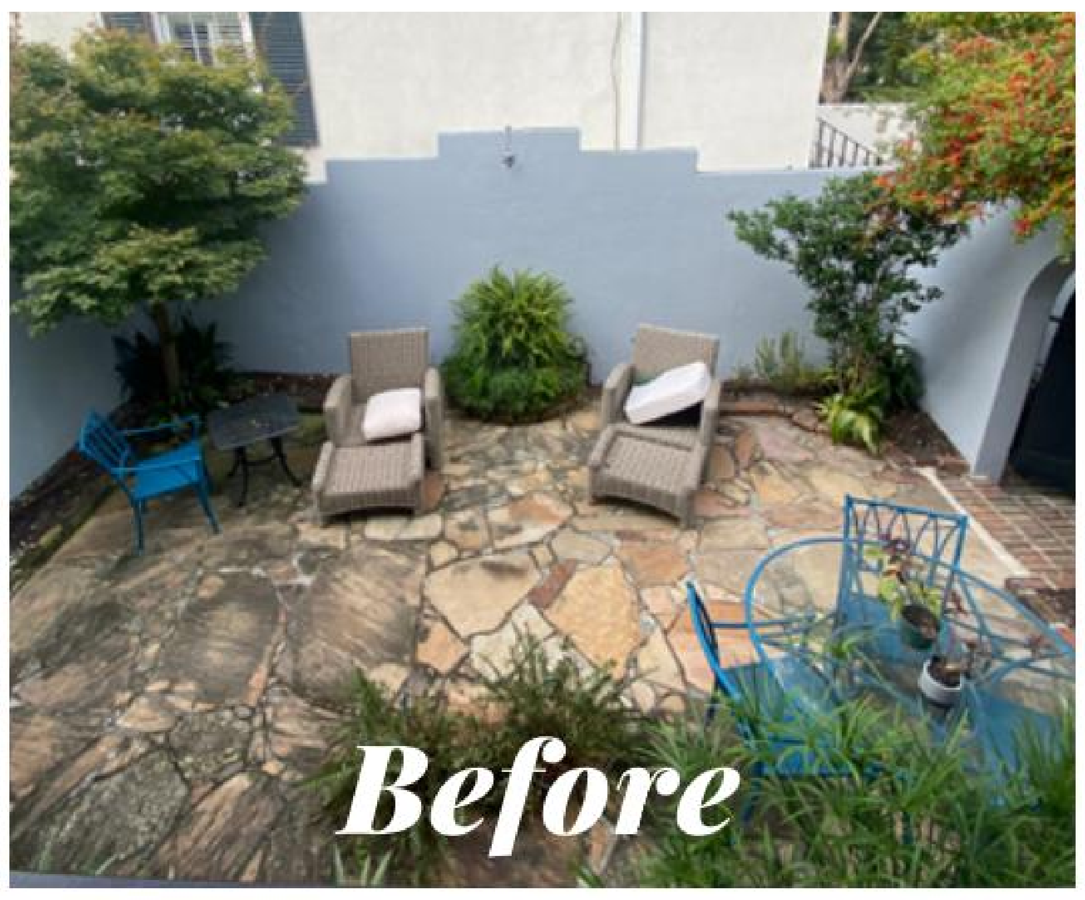
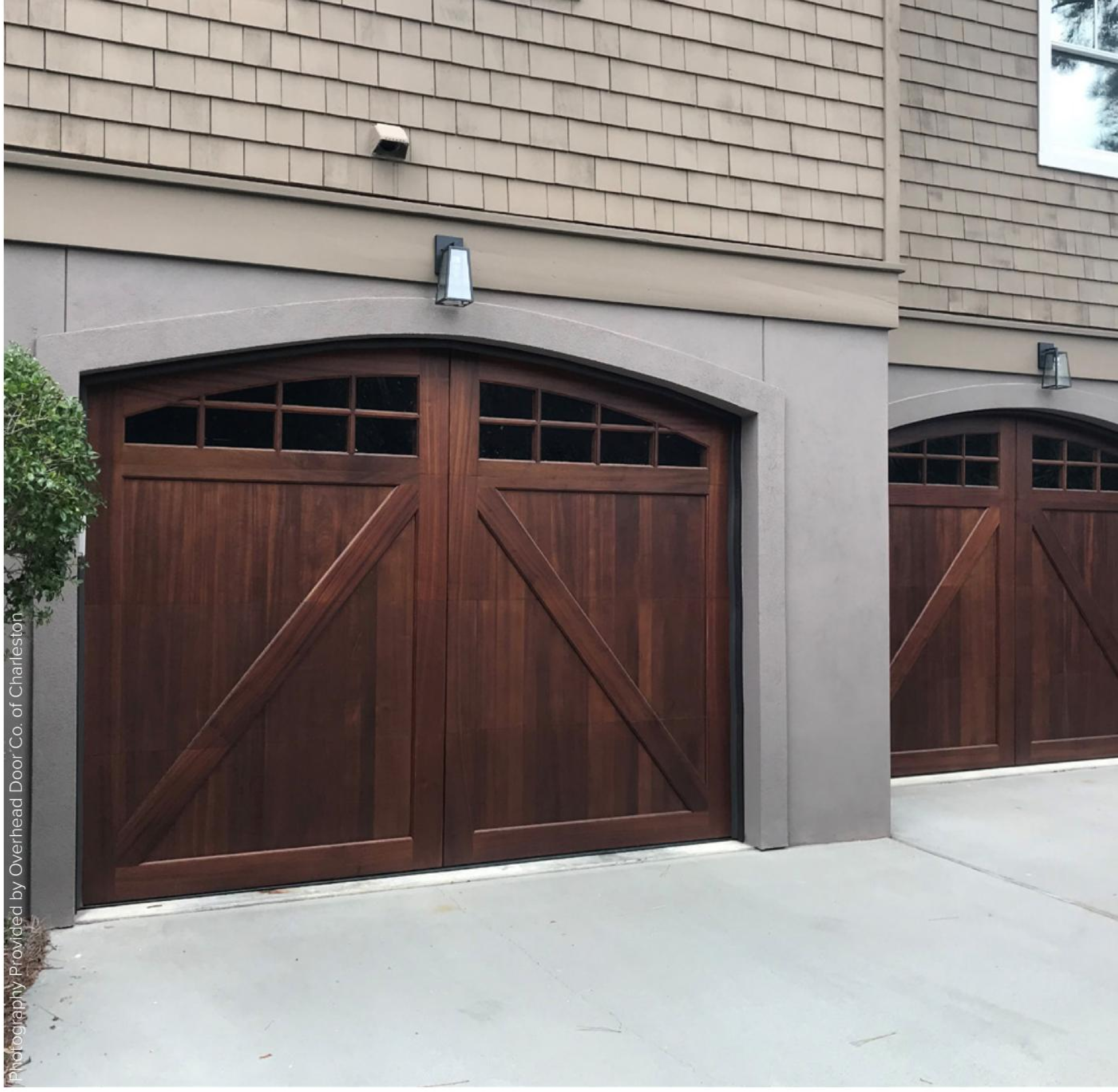


“In Downtown Charleston, this whole-property landscape design blends a Bluestone walkway and patio with Old Carolina® brick accents, custom iron gates, and lush new garden beds. Plantings include Windmill Palm, Camellia sasanqua, Podocarpus, Hydrangeas, Gardenias, Azaleas, and more. Updated irrigation, Centennial Brass path lights, uplights, and timers complete the serene, inviting atmosphere, perfect for casual entertaining.” — Mariah McCoy, Design Manager at Brownswood Nursery & Landscape

Landscape Designed and Installed by Brownswood Nursery & Landscape, brownswoodnursery.com

This project features a modern, impact-resistant garage door designed for coastal conditions, boosting both durability and curb appeal.

Garage Door Installed by Overhead Door Co. of Charleston,
overheaddoorcocharleston.com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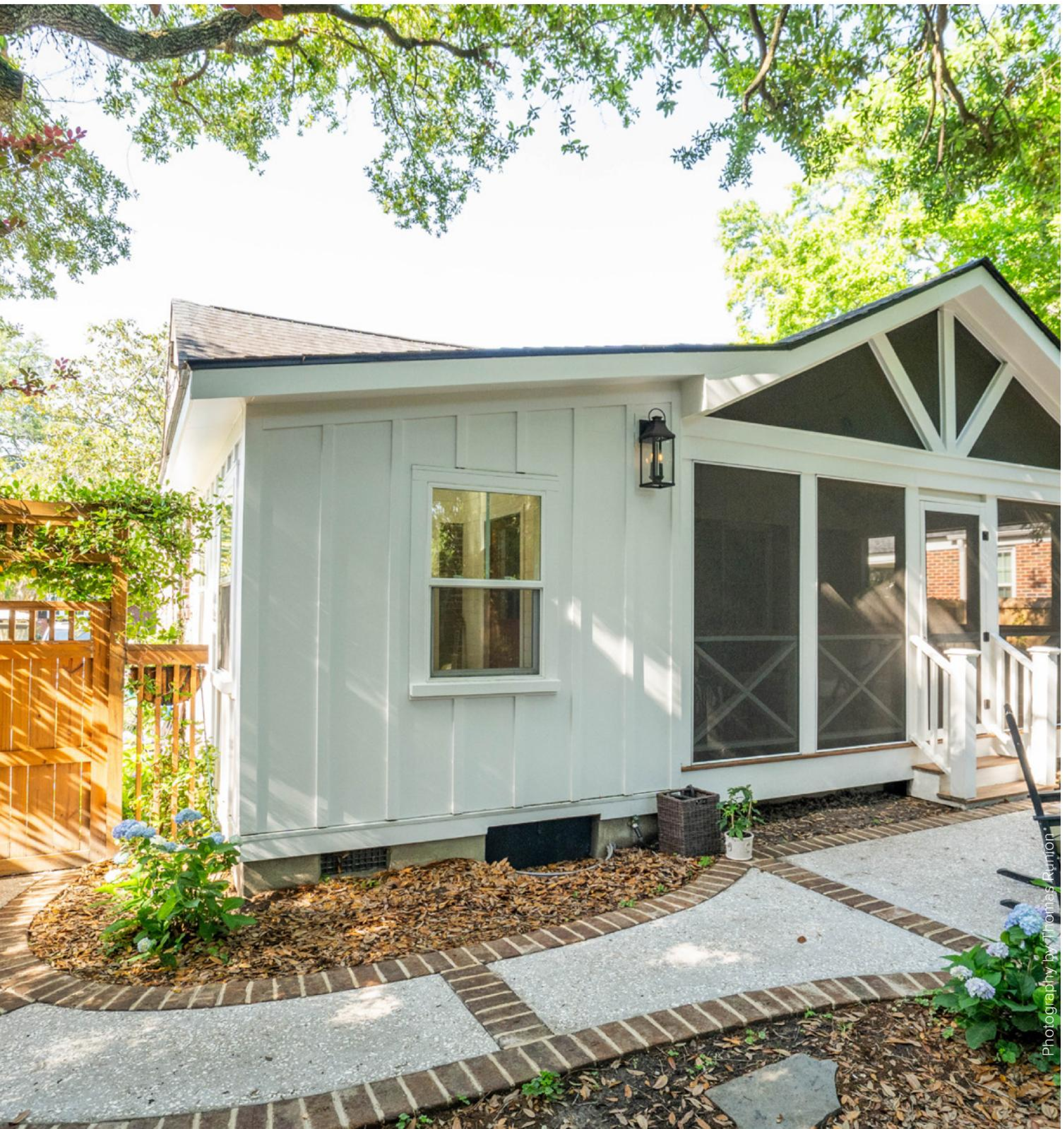
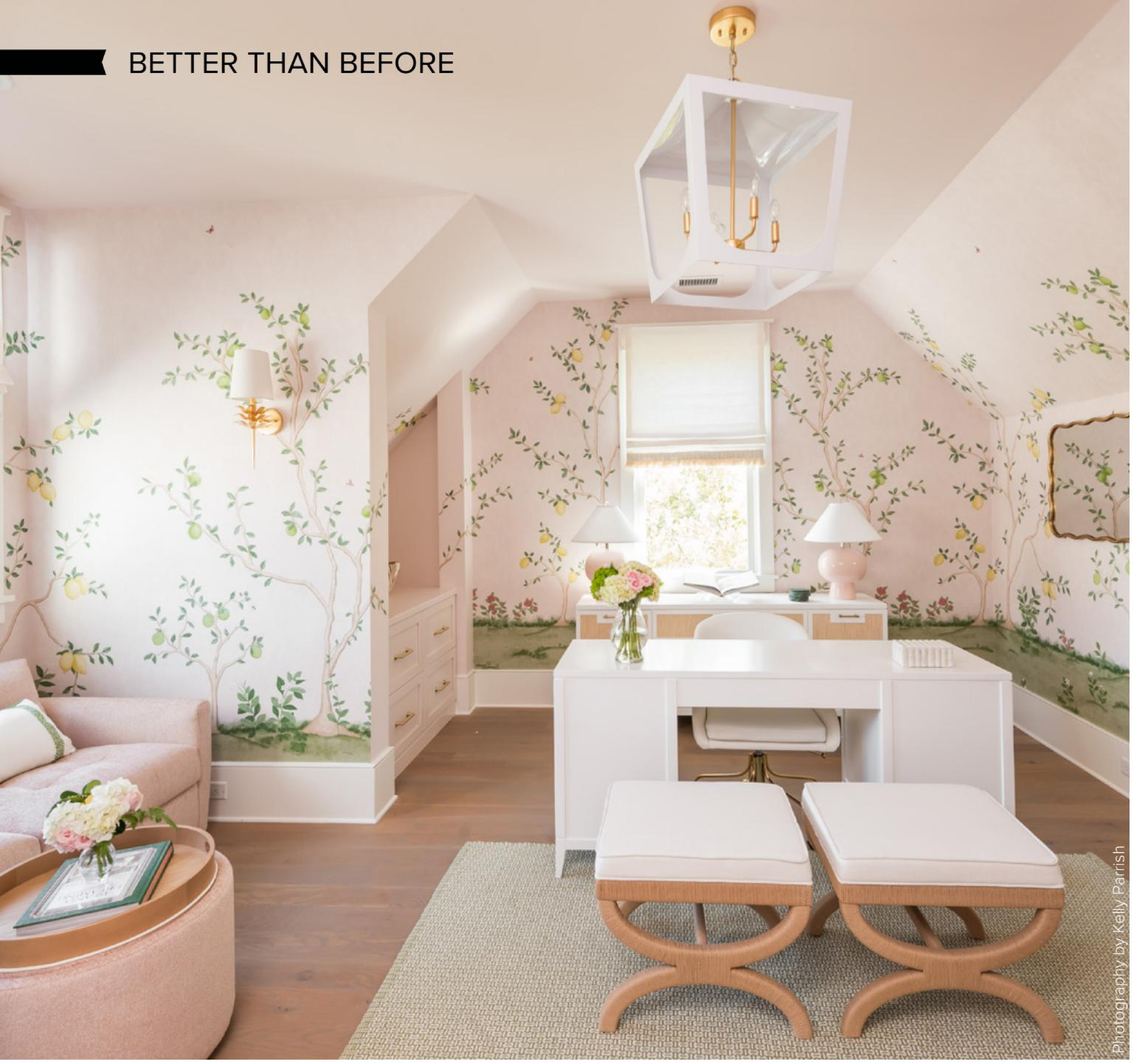

Photography by Thomas Runion

The original detached laundry area was removed entirely, making way for a brand-new, custom-built laundry room with direct indoor access. An adjacent screened porch addition offers a breezy, bug-free retreat, outfitted with no-see-um screening.

Laundry Room and Screen Porch Addition by ALBRECHT, LLC,
albrechtremodels.com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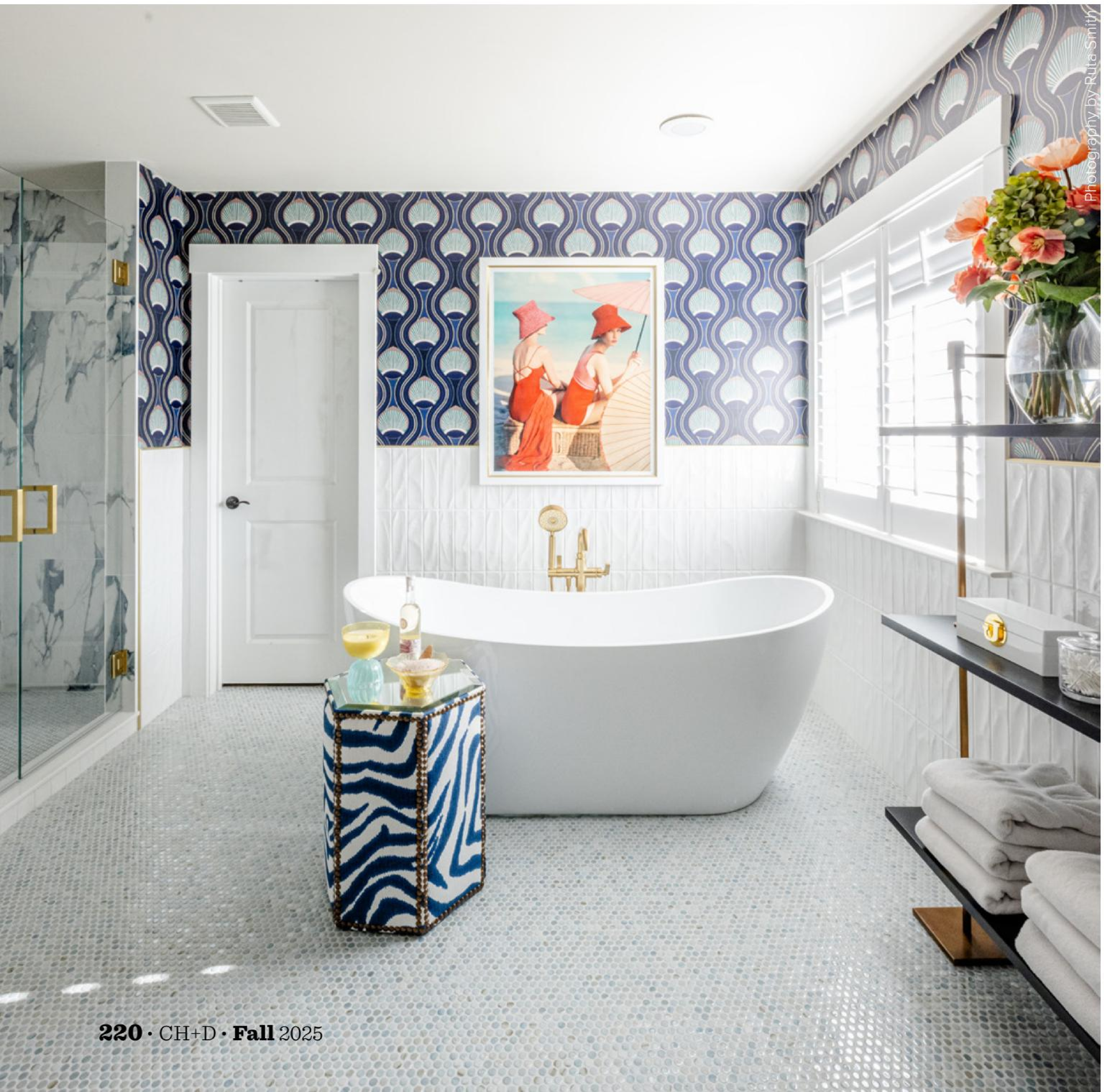
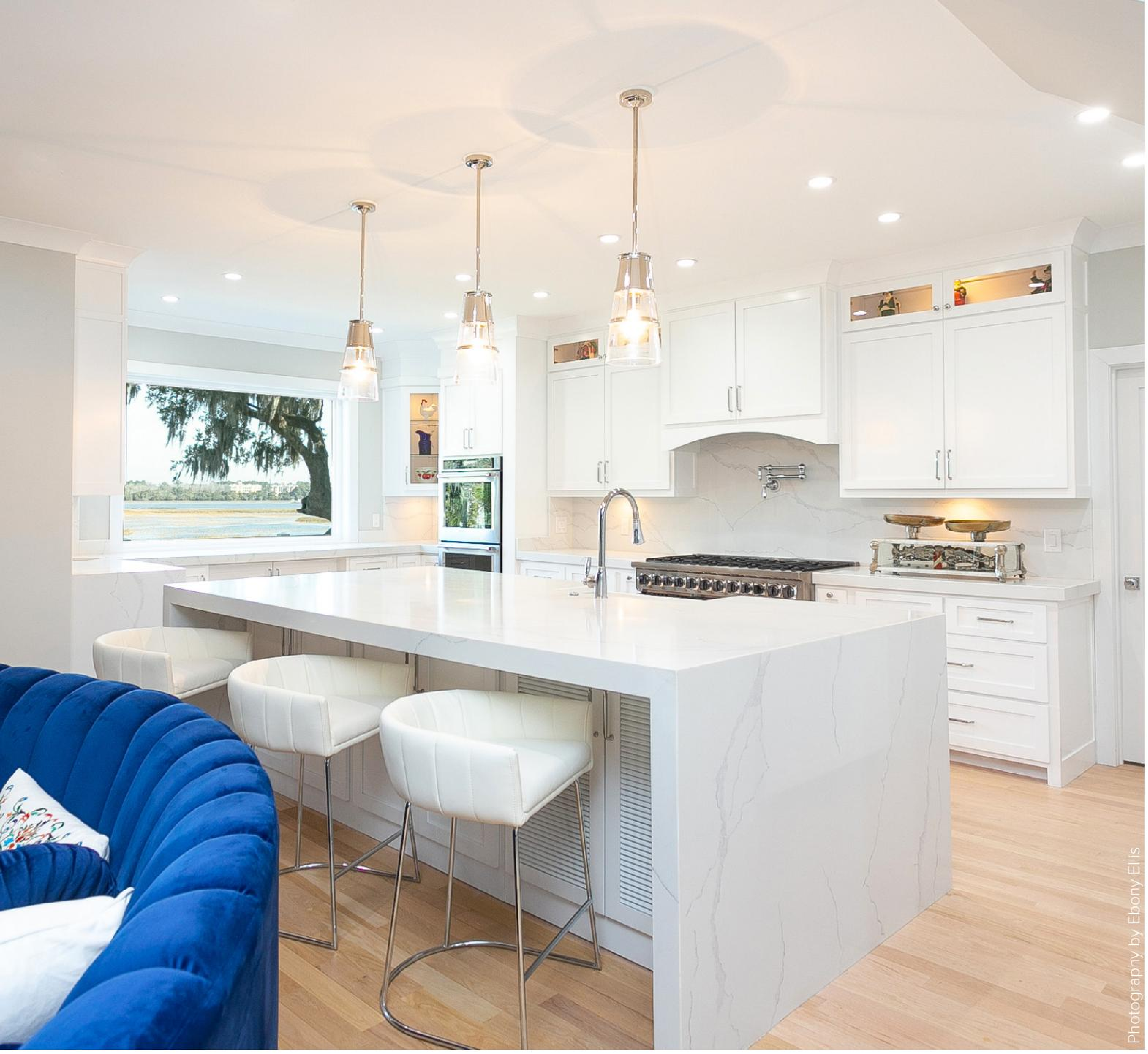
What was once a room where the eye got lost in sharp angles and visual disconnection is now a calm, luxurious, cohesive haven. Custom built-in storage cabinetry and new tailored furnishings add purpose and elegance, making use of previously wasted space. Thoughtfully layered lighting, custom window treatments and pillows, and a stunning wallpaper mural, along with custom hand-painted walls, reimagined this space into a cheerful, feminine retreat.

Interior Design by Striped Lemon Design, stripedlemondesign.com


Photography by Ruta Smith

“When planning a bathroom renovation, many people assume that the showerhead or handshower determines how much pressure they’ll feel. But the real driving force behind water flow and performance—especially in multi-function showers—is the shower valve. When you’re running multiple fixtures, such as a showerhead, handshower, or body sprays, it’s the valve that ensures you get consistent pressure.” — Ashley Hyer, Cregger Showrooms

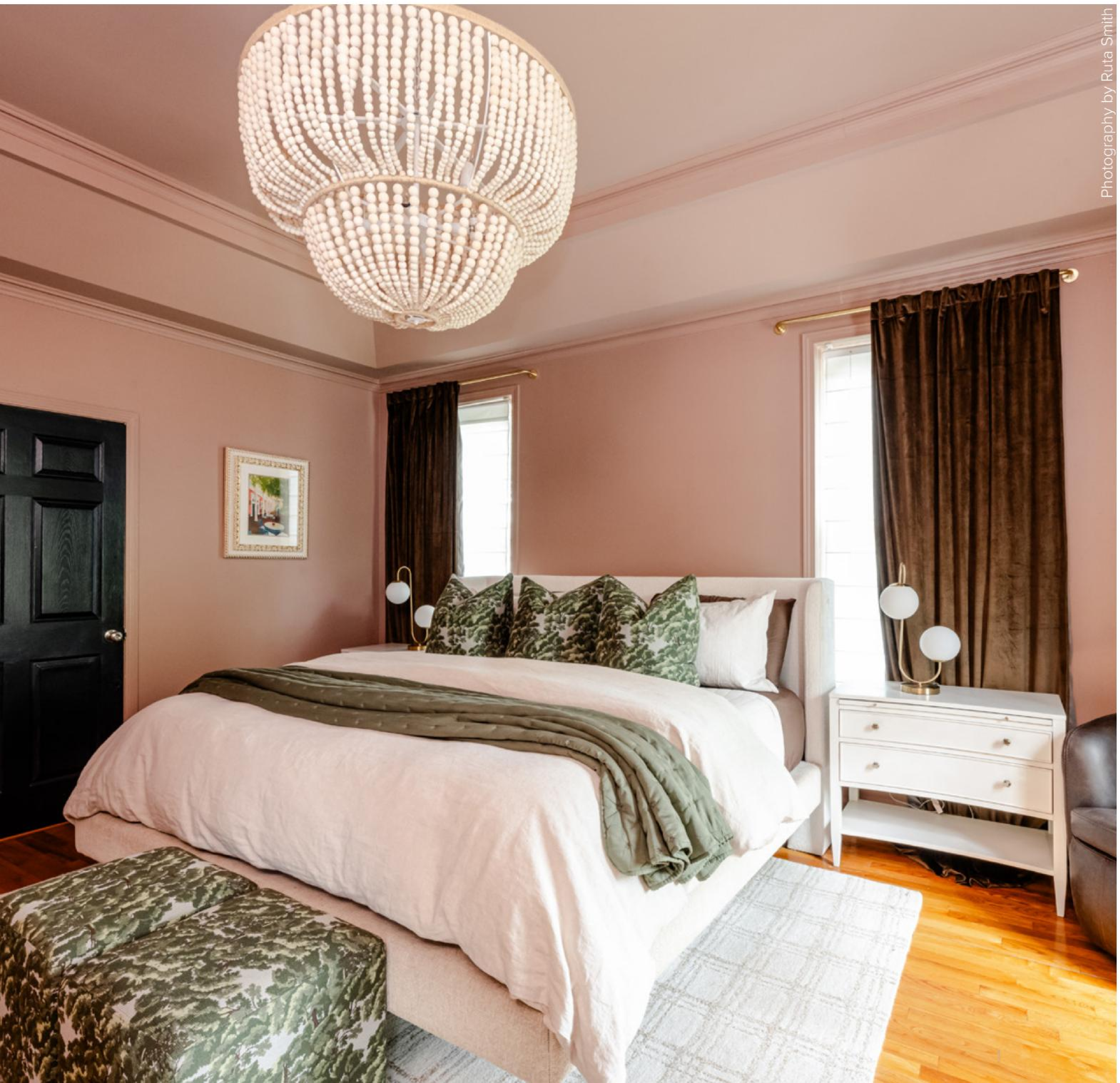
Floor-Mounted Tub Filler and Soaking Double Slipper Freestanding Tub Supplied by Cregger Showrooms, creggershowrooms.com



Photography by Ebony Ellis

Boxed in and short on views, the kitchen gained roughly two and a half feet by removing a right-side bump-out and a blocking post, then opened to the marsh with a new picture window. The back wall now runs counter to counter with a dedicated prep zone. Handcrafted cabinets and a larger island by Artistic Cabinetry set the stage for stone on every work surface with a full-height riser and a mitered, dual-waterfall island.

Borghini Silver Quartz Supplied, Fabricated, and Installed by Universal Marble & Granite,
universalmgranite.com



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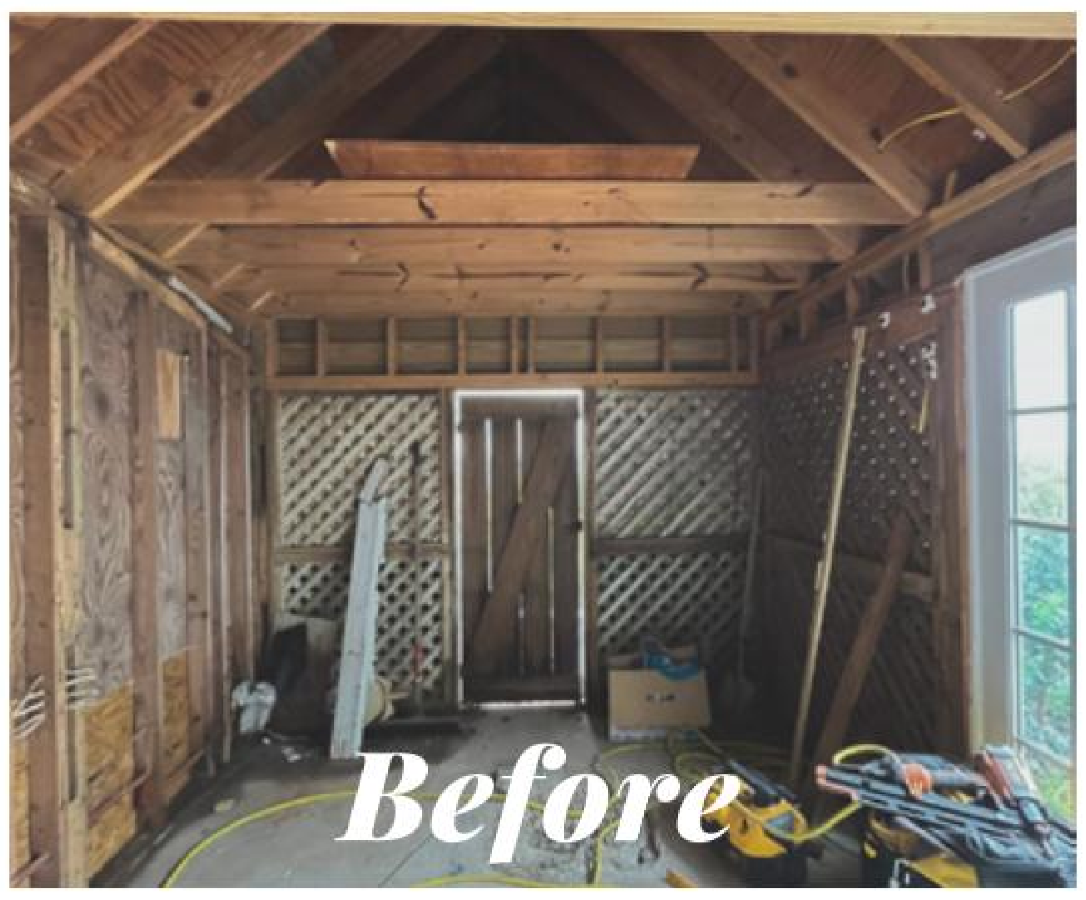
The designer opted for a modern, earthy feel with elevated neutrals and moody, color-drenched walls. The look is enhanced with a mix of textures, including velvet, leather, and silk, and a striking beaded chandelier to replace the outdated ceiling fan.

Furniture and Accessories by J&K Home Furnishings,
jkhomefurnishings.com



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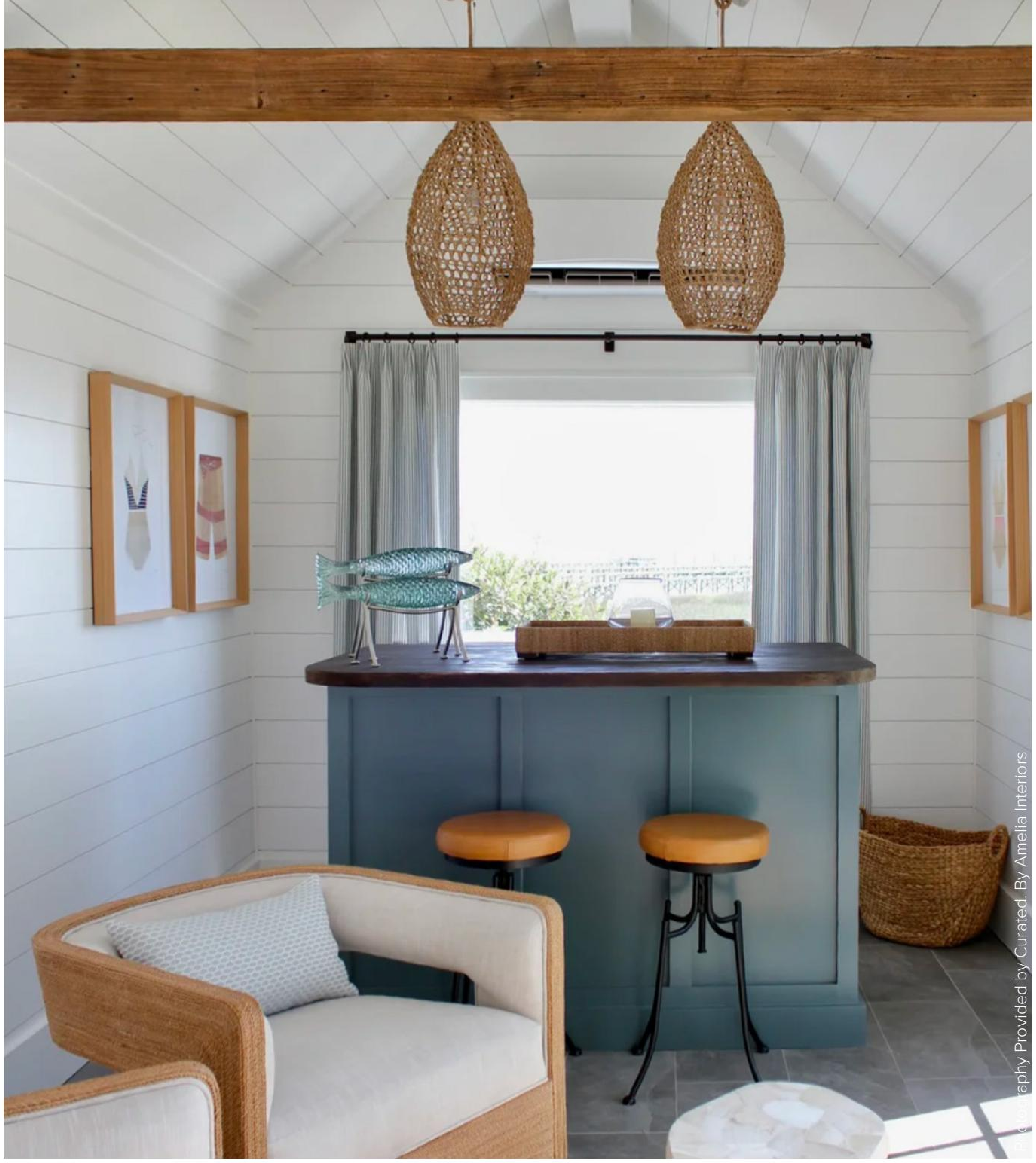
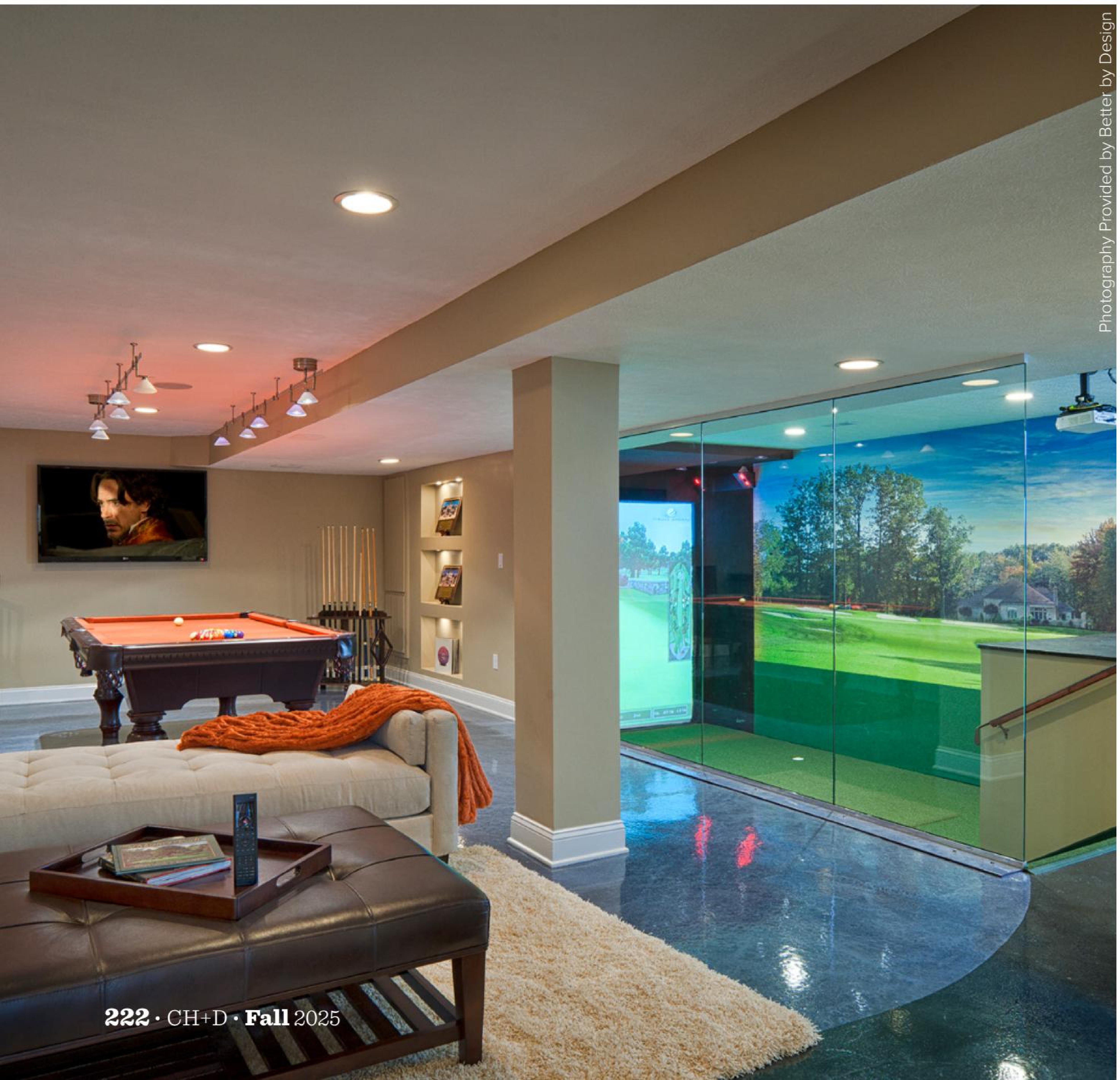

Photography Provided by Curated. By Amelia Interiors

Once used only for storage, this underutilized pool house has been transformed into a fully functional retreat. Today, it serves as a space for entertaining, changing, and cooling off by the pool, turning wasted square footage into a stylish extension of outdoor living.

Interior Design by Amelia Kearney of Amelia Interiors, ameliainteriors.com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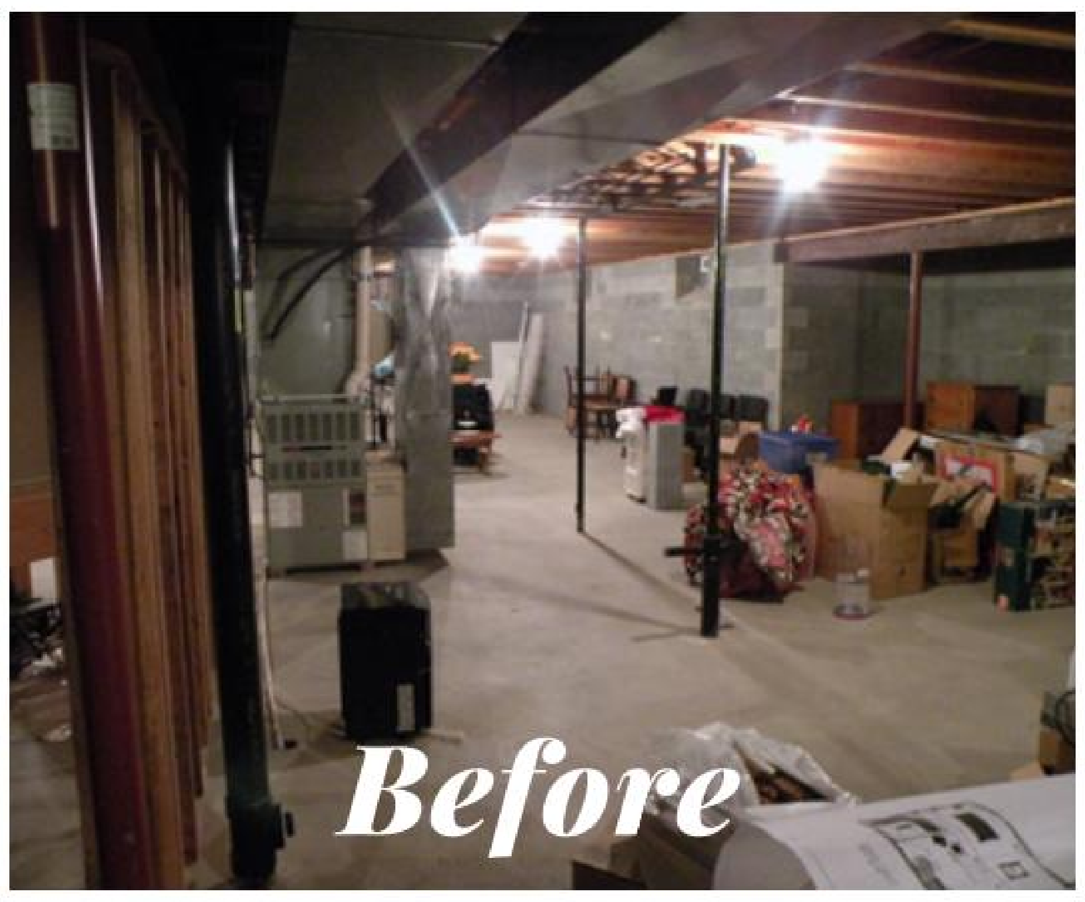
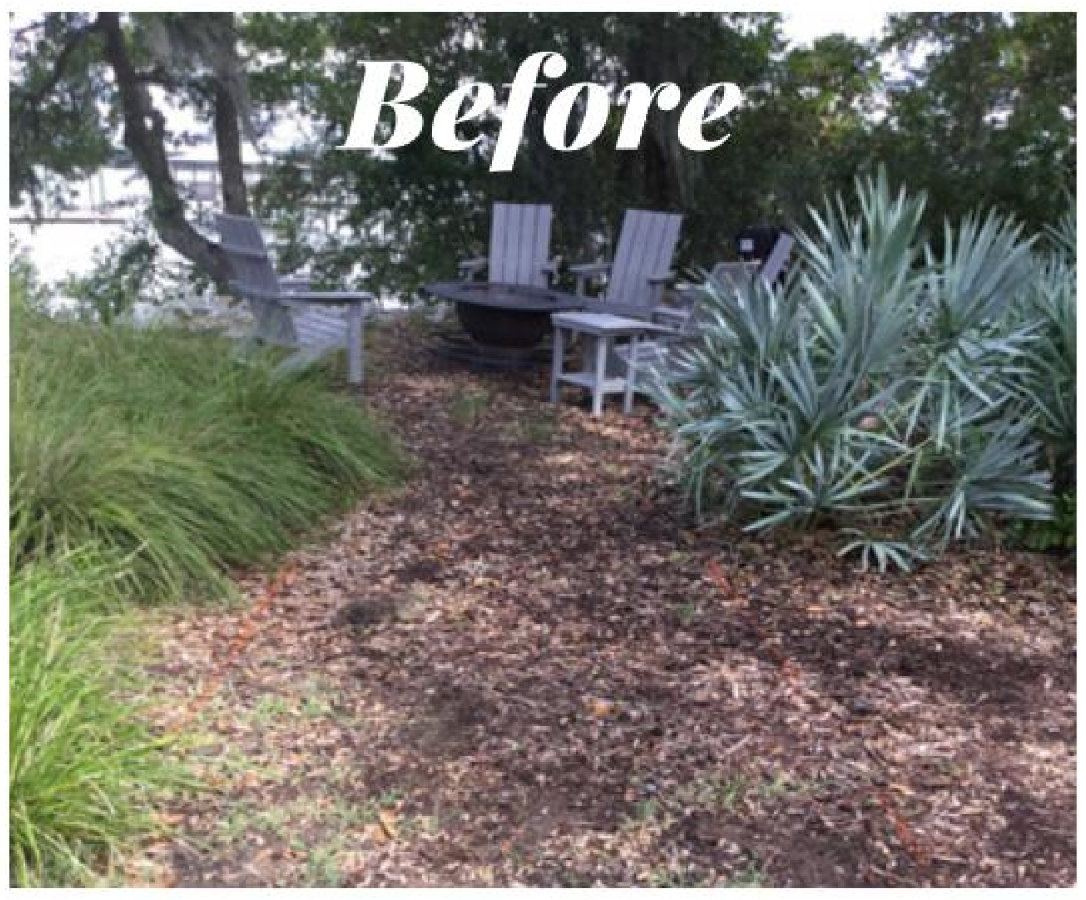


A previously unused garage was transformed into a gaming and entertainment space with a creative approach to home theater design.

Home Theater Remodel by Better by Design, betterbydesign.biz



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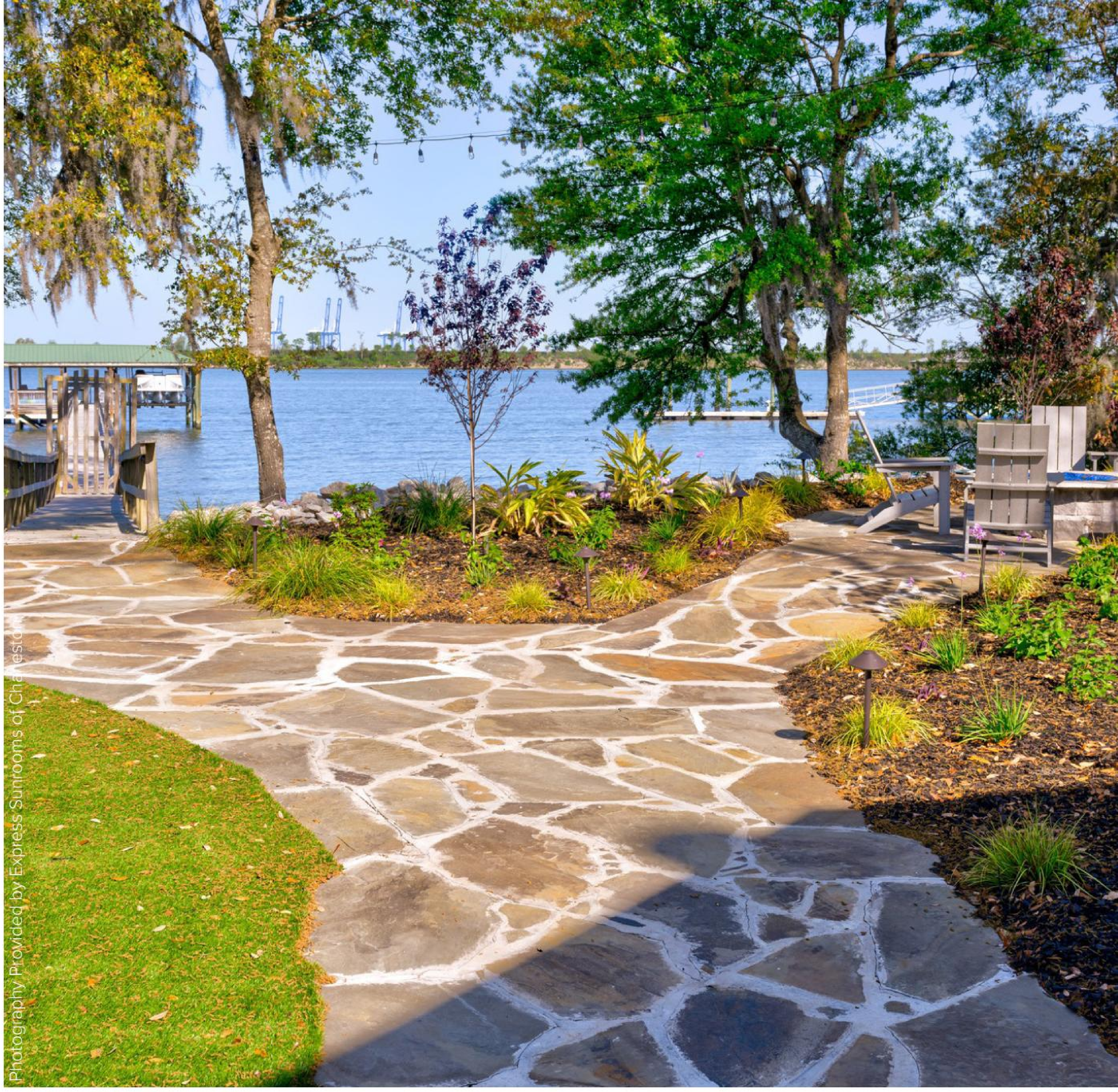
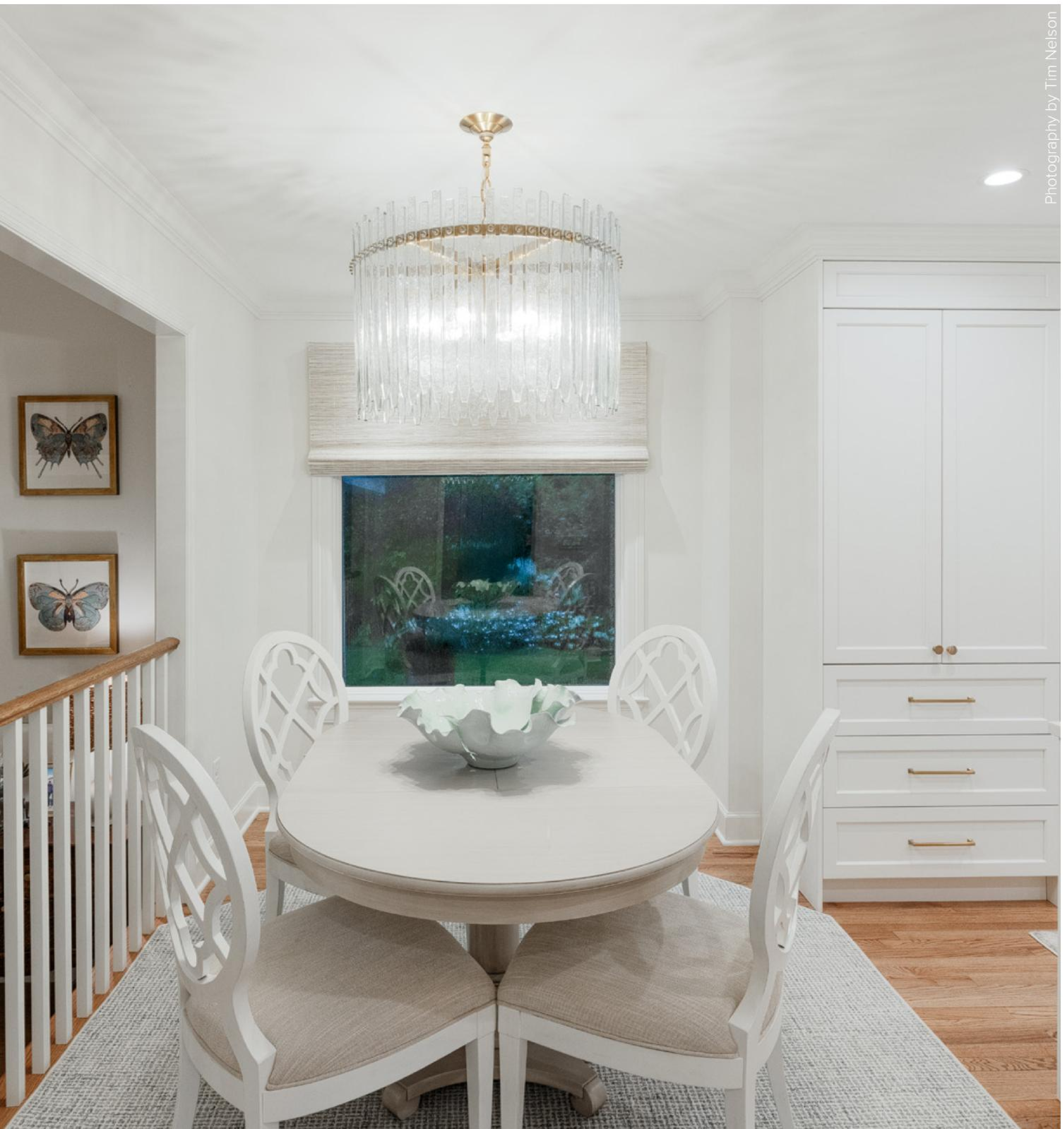

Photography Provided by Express Sunrooms of Charleston

A leafy mess left little room for outdoor lounging despite being a waterfront location. New flagstone pavers extend the usability of the space and blend with the natural landscape.

Express Sunrooms of Charleston, expresssunrooms.com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This dining space features selections by Trudie Krawcheck of Southeastern Galleries, including bar stools and dining chairs from Lexington's Ivory Key collection, a handcrafted dining table by Gat Creek, lighting from Visual Comfort and Currey, a rug by Masland, with carefully chosen accessories that tie it all together. Architecture by JOY Architecture + Interior Design.

Interior Design by Trudie Krawcheck with Furnishings, and Lighting by Southeastern Galleries, southeasterngalleries.com

Work Smarter Not Harder

Always hire a professional for plumbing, electrical, framing, and any work that requires a permit. Hiring a home professional means you'll have the guidance of an insider, someone who can help you navigate the vast world of home design.

Broan Nutone 36″ T-Style Range Hood
Charleston Design Center

Monogram Range
Cregger Showrooms

Big Green Egg
M&M Oil & Propane (The Fireplace)

Panel-Ready Wine Cooler
Charleston Design Center

Fridgidaire Stainless Steel Dishwasher
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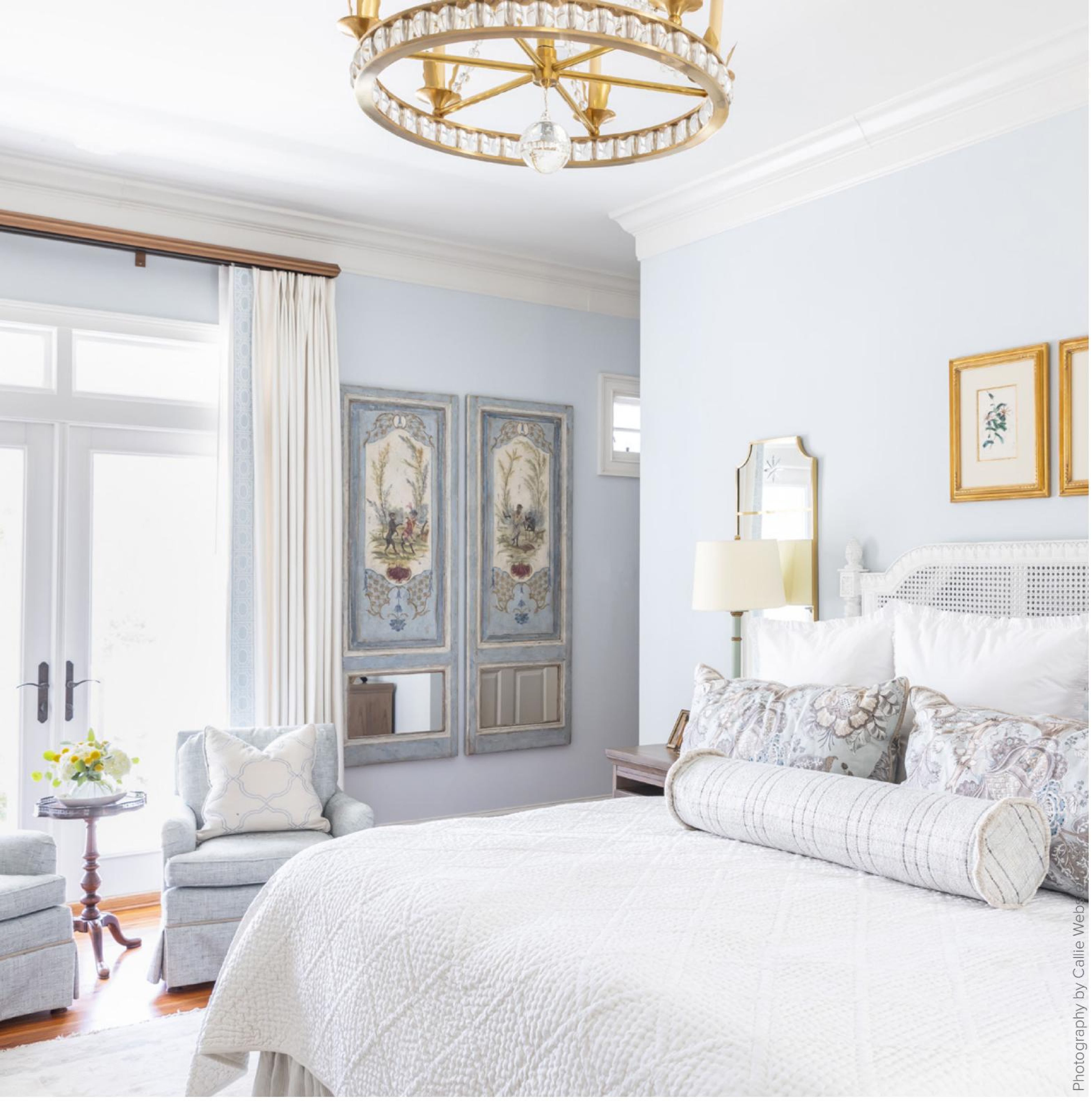
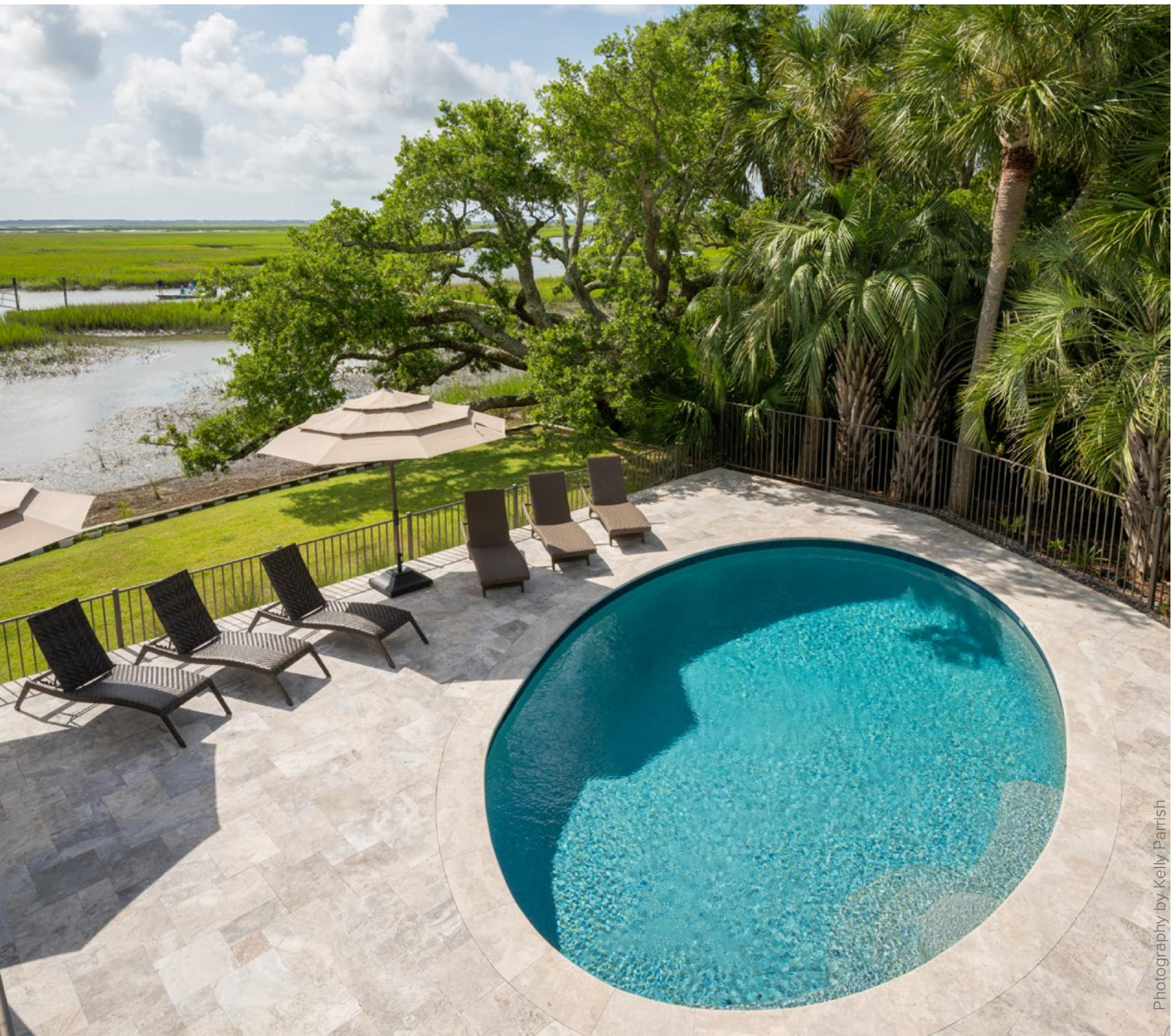


Photography by Callie Webb

Short on storage, the clients wanted built-ins that worked hard but looked like furniture. CHD Interiors introduced a curated selection of new pieces inspired by the antique French panels in the background. The color and detailing of the panels set the palette for the space and influenced traditionally inspired selections, including the chandelier and lamps, rug, new bedding and bed, reupholstered chairs, mirror, and paint colors. These additions, paired with existing antiques like an heirloom dresser and a china display, create a cohesive mix of new and vintage within a soft palette of whites, creams, and blues.

Interior Design by CHD Interiors, chdinteriors.com



Photography by Kelly Parrish

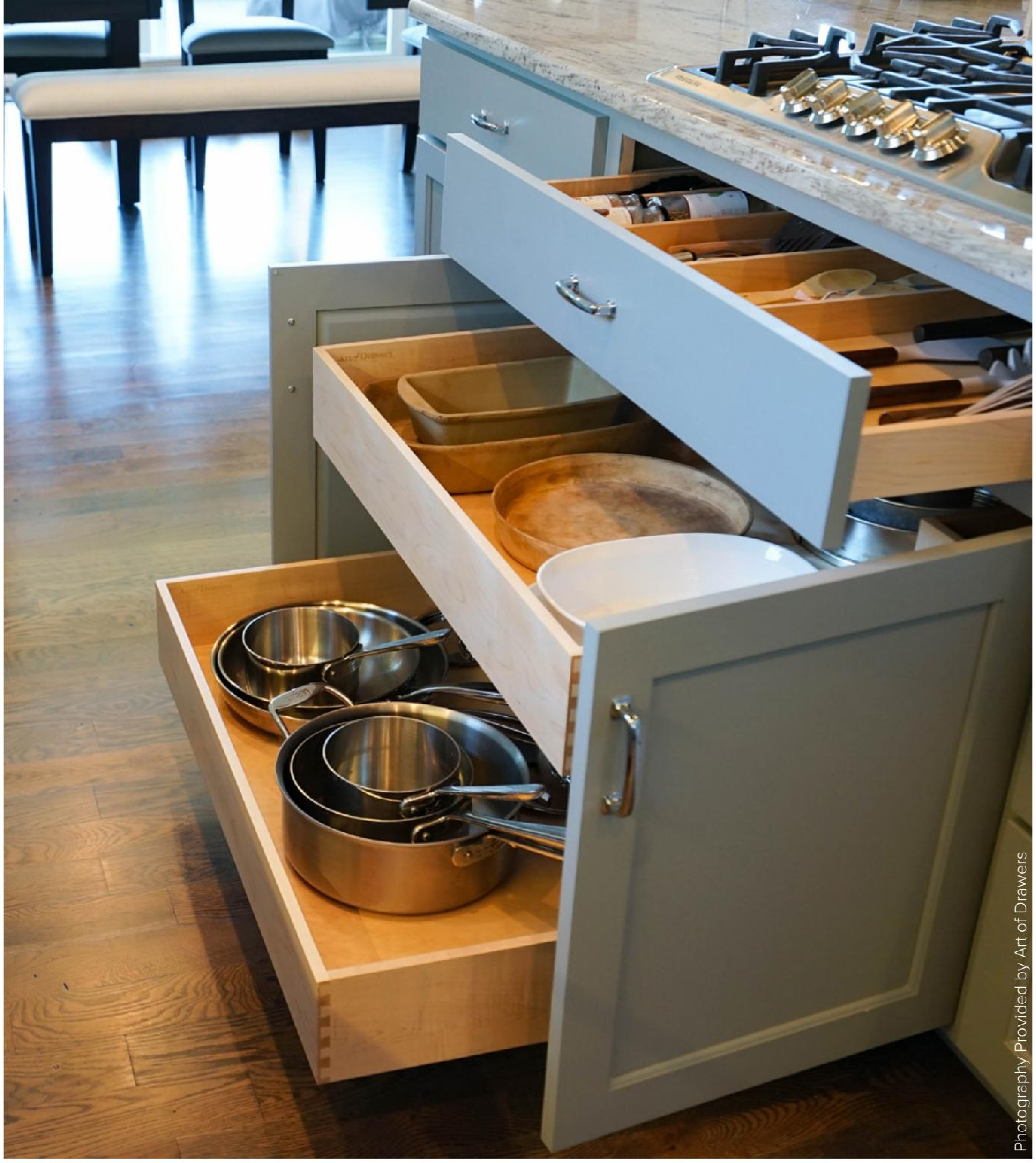
Blue Haven Pools & Spas reimagined this entire backyard with a larger, more functional pool design and a complete material upgrade. The new travertine decking adds elegance and durability, while the expanded layout offers ample room for lounging, entertaining, and enjoying the Lowcountry landscape. Built with long-lasting materials and modern craftsmanship, this space now delivers the style, comfort, and longevity the homeowners were looking for.

Pool Remodel by Blue Haven Pools & Spas, bluehaven.com

Optimize the Storage

Customize your cabinetry with pull-out drawers, gliders, and adjustable shelves. Consider including a beverage station or appliance garages to maximize surface space and improve organization.

Cabinets by Art of Drawers, artofdrawers.com



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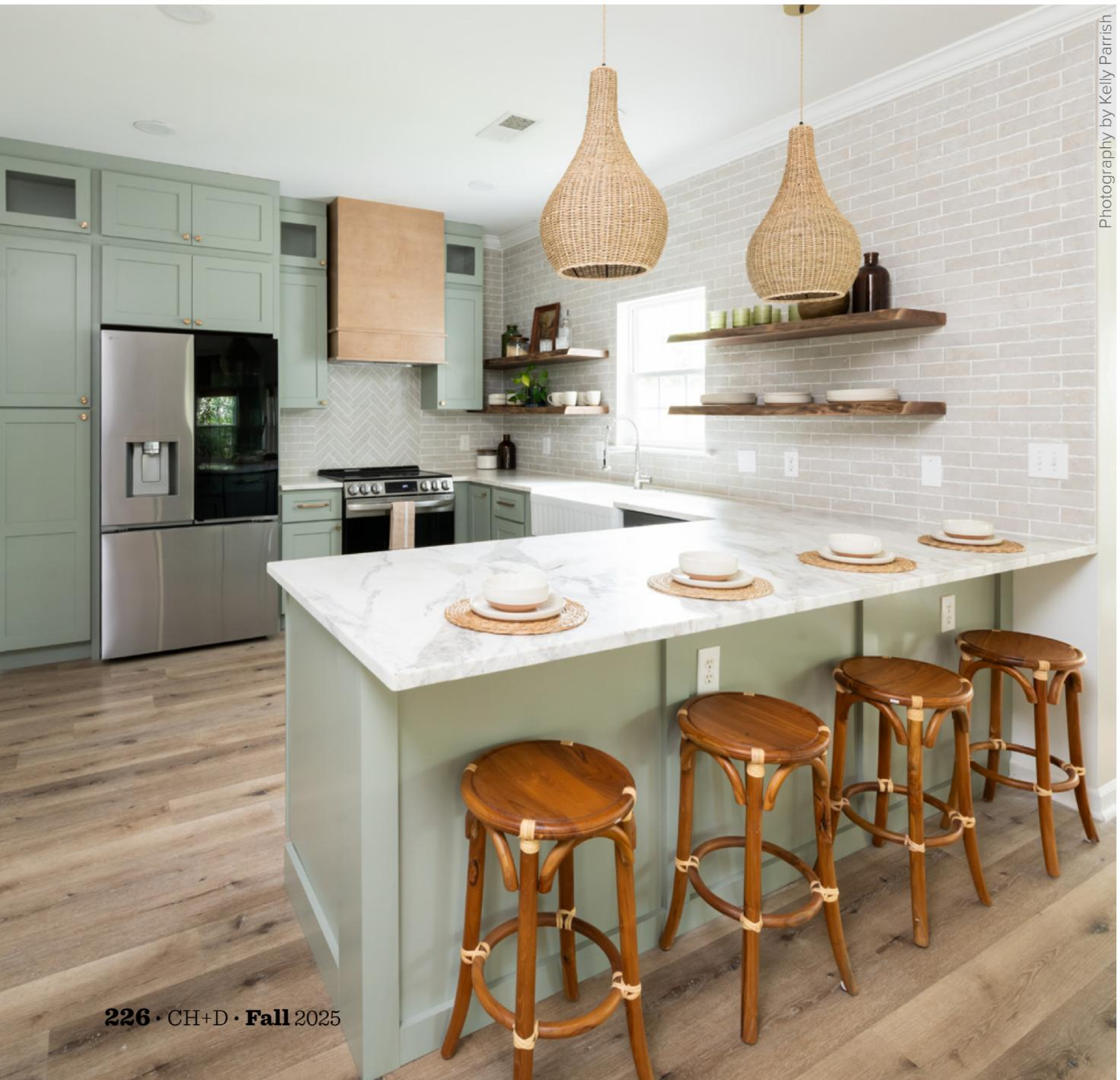

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Plan an Efficient Layout

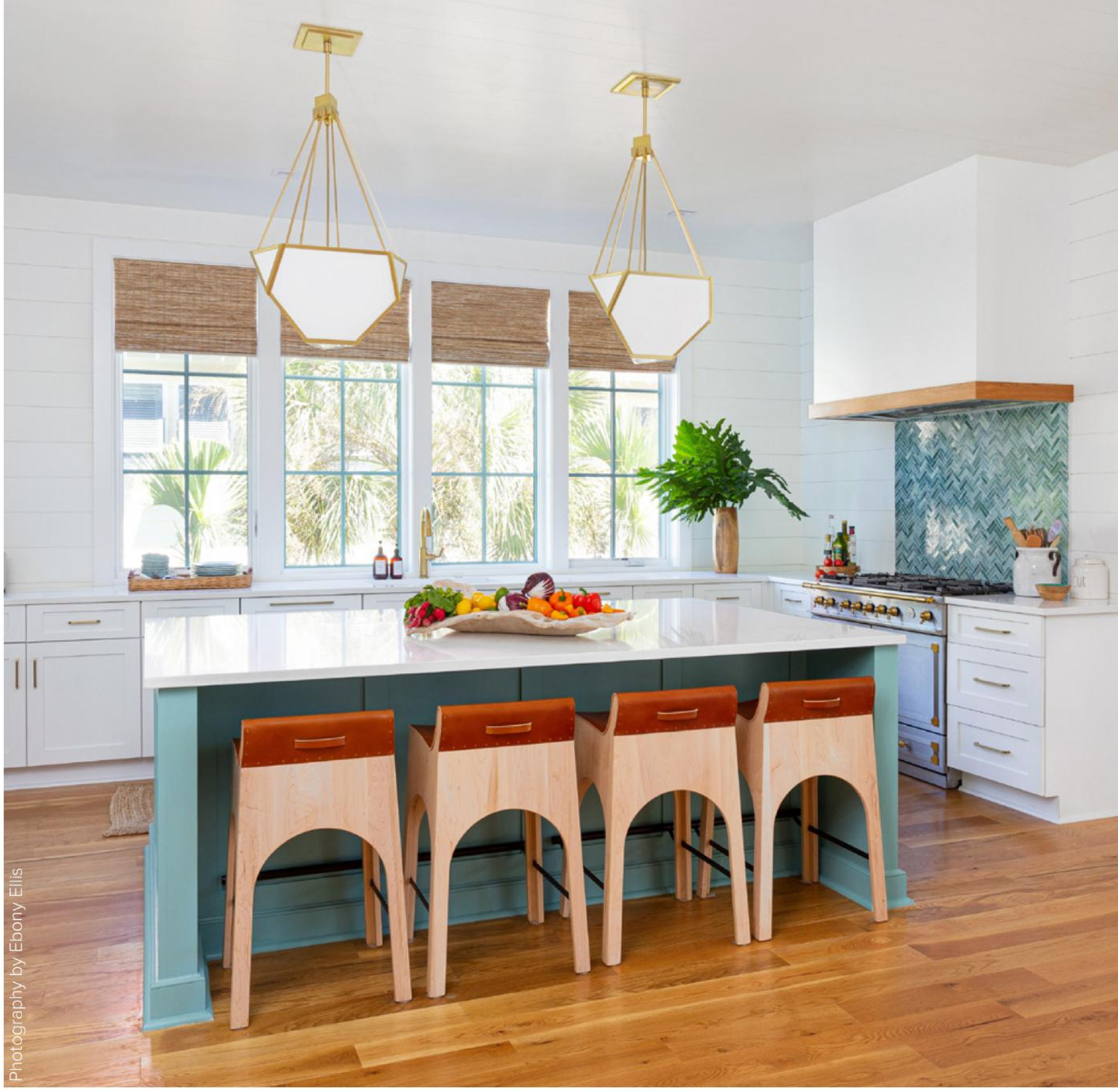
This remodel prioritized the kitchen triangle (stove, sink, fridge) for efficient workflow. Avoid placing obstacles in these high-traffic areas.

Custom Kitchen Cabinetry by Cabinet IQ, cabinetiq.com

Craft a Coastal Color Story

This kitchen's color palette inspired by the coast offers cohesion among the mix of materials. ▶

Kitchen Remodel by Diament Building Corp., diamentbuilder.com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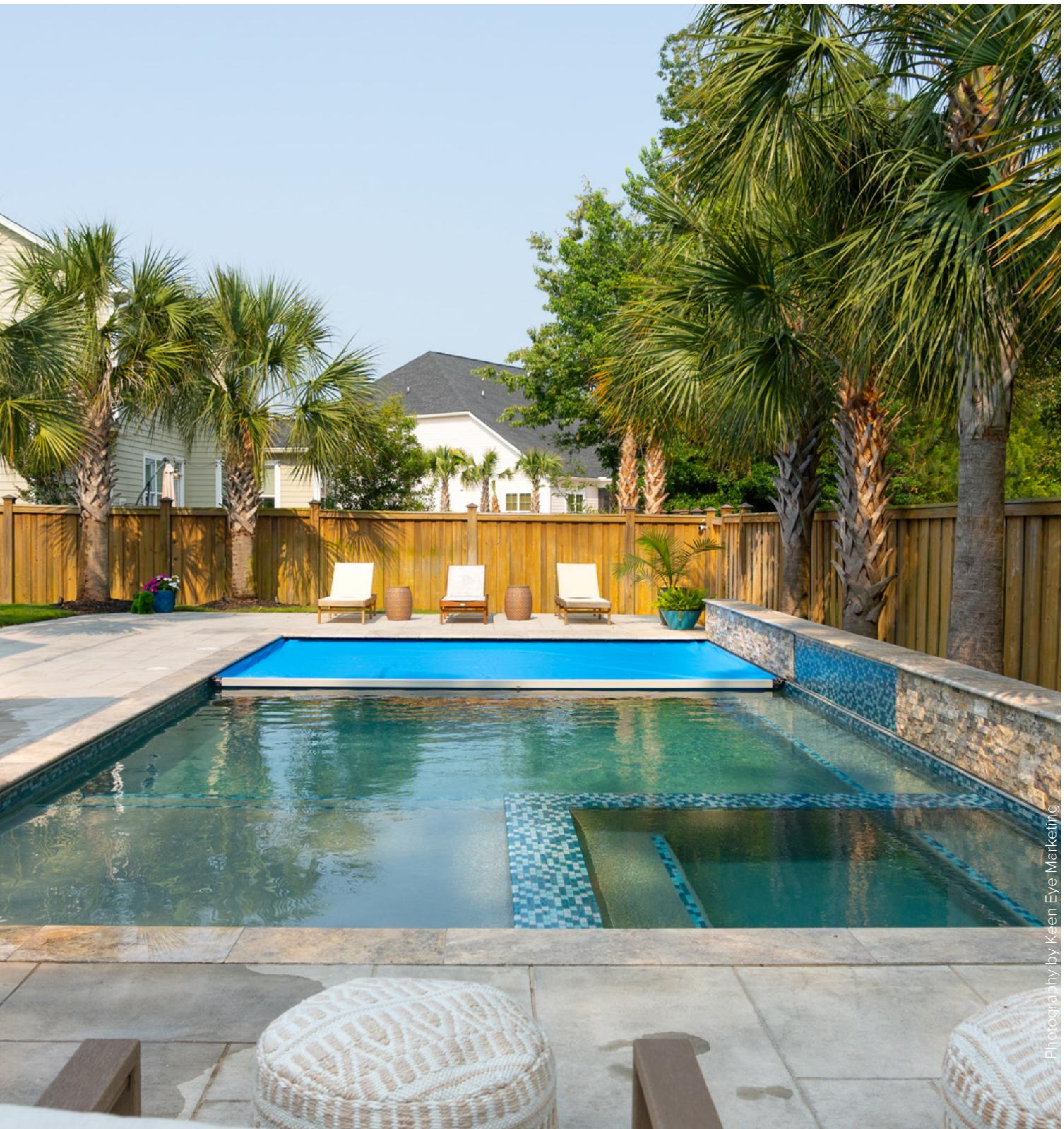
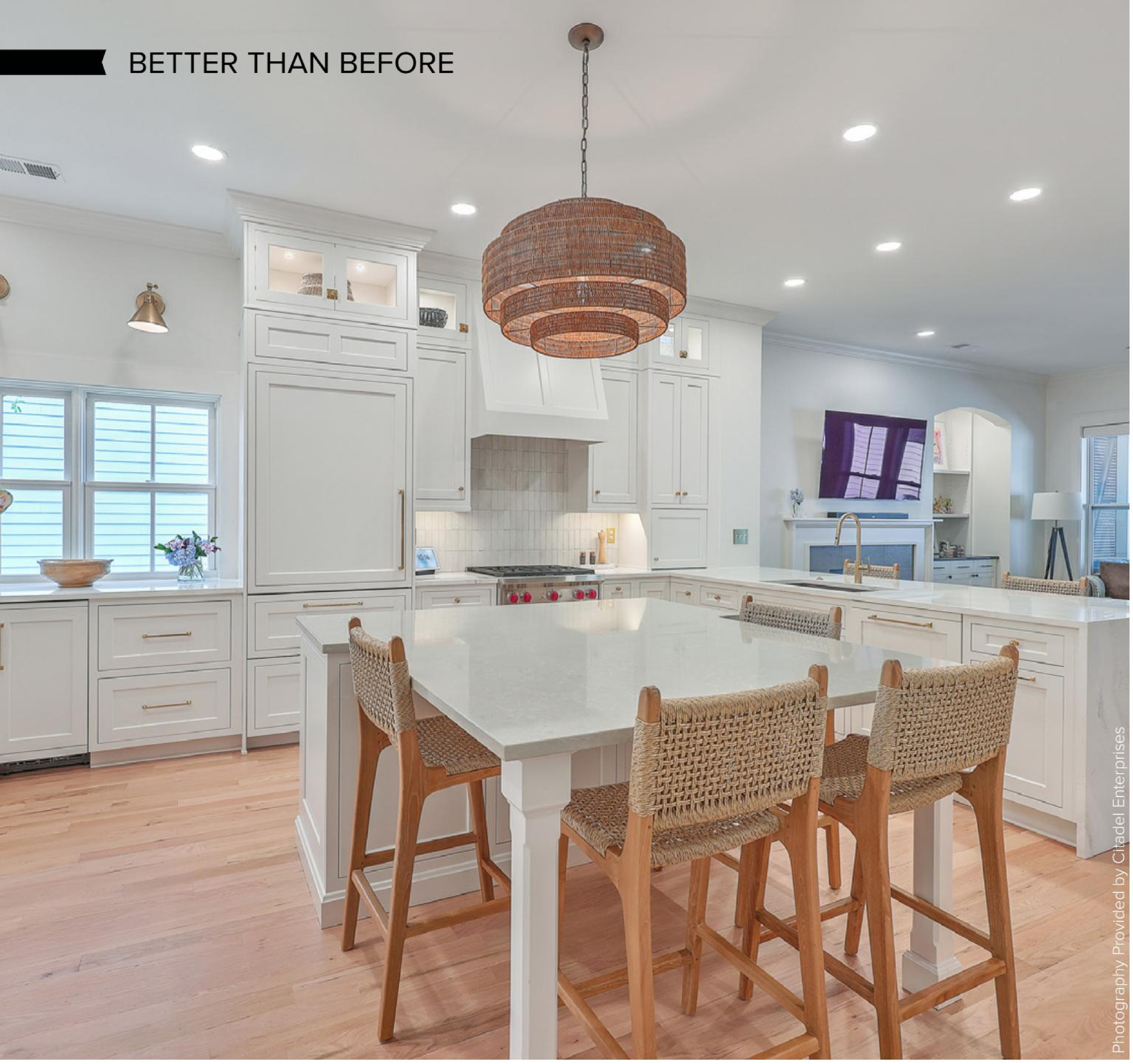

Photography by Keen Eye Marketing

Keep it Safe and Clean

◀ Install a pool cover to keep debris at bay while providing a safety barrier, ensuring children and pets stay protected when the pool isn't in use.

Automatic Safety Cover by Pool Cover Solutions of the Southeast, poolcoversolutions.com



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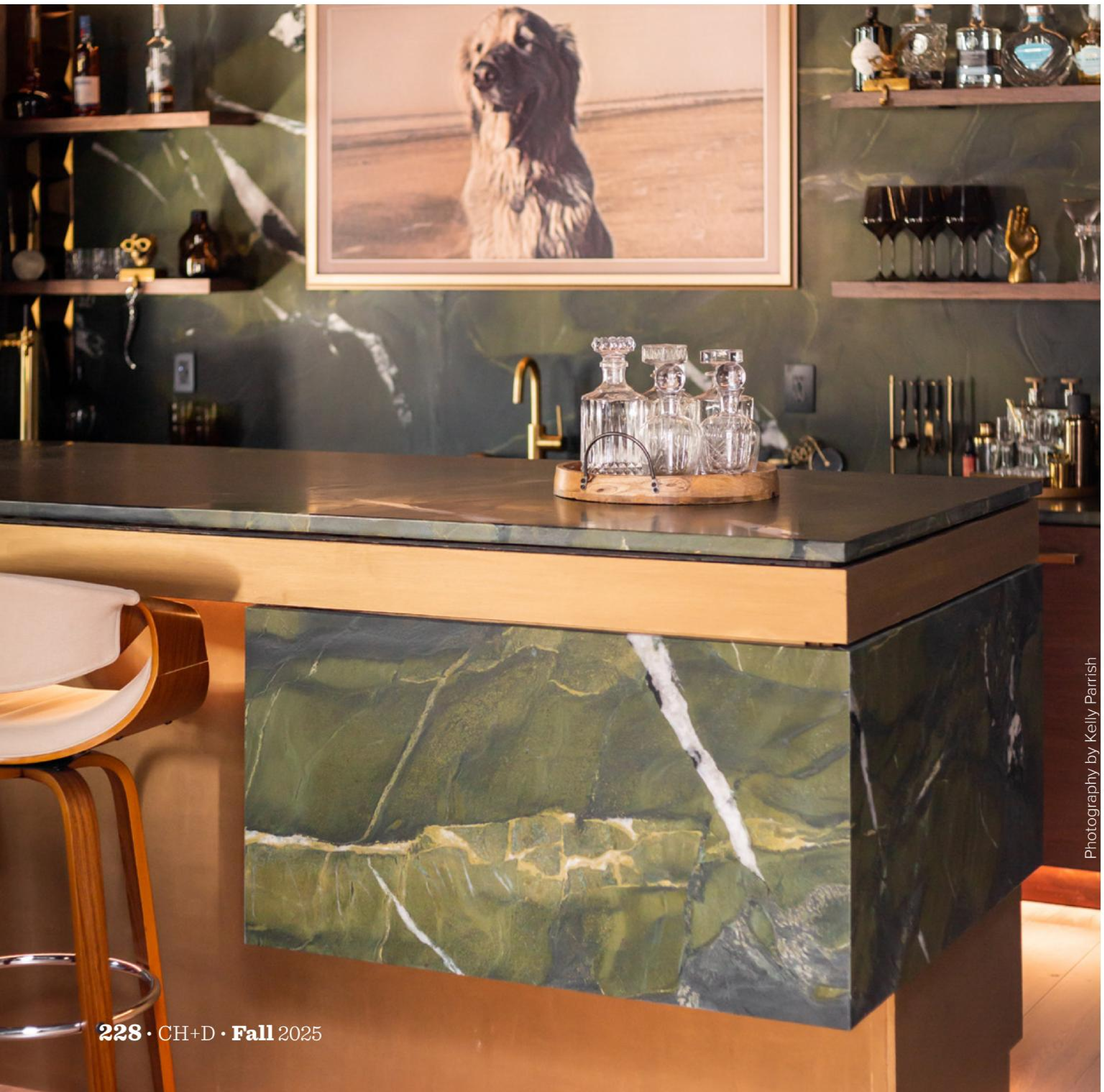
Conceal with Panels

Strategically placed built-in appliances maximizes ease of use, considering both cooking and cleanup zones.

Kitchen Renovation by Citadel Enterprises, citadelenterprises.com

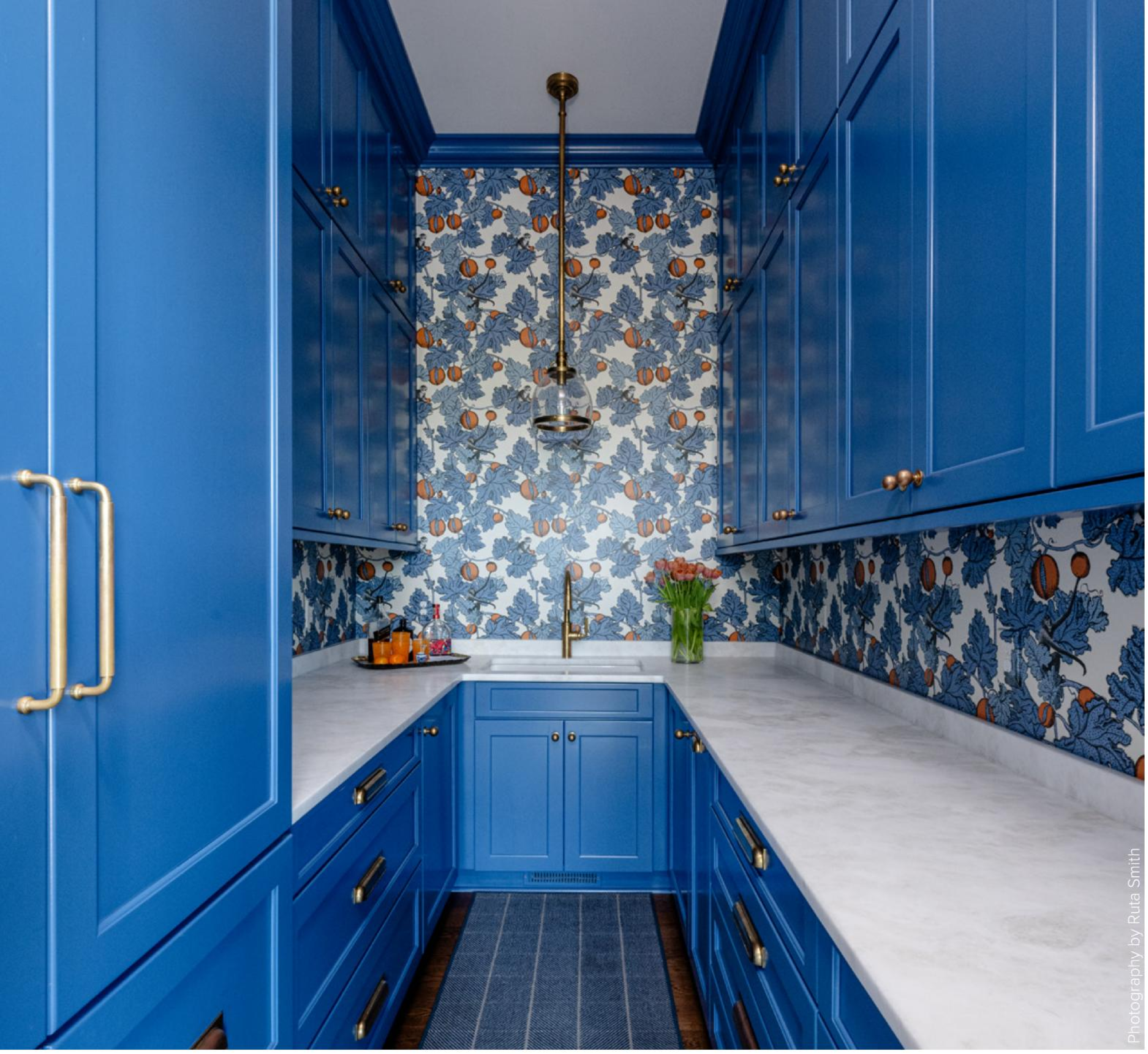


Photography by Kelly Parrish

Create a Countersplash

The leathered stone finish enhanced this home bar's natural drama with depth and a tactile, matte surface resistant to fingerprints and glare. Fabricated by Granite Depot of Charleston.

Leathered Avocatus Quartzite Supplied by AGM Imports, agmimports.com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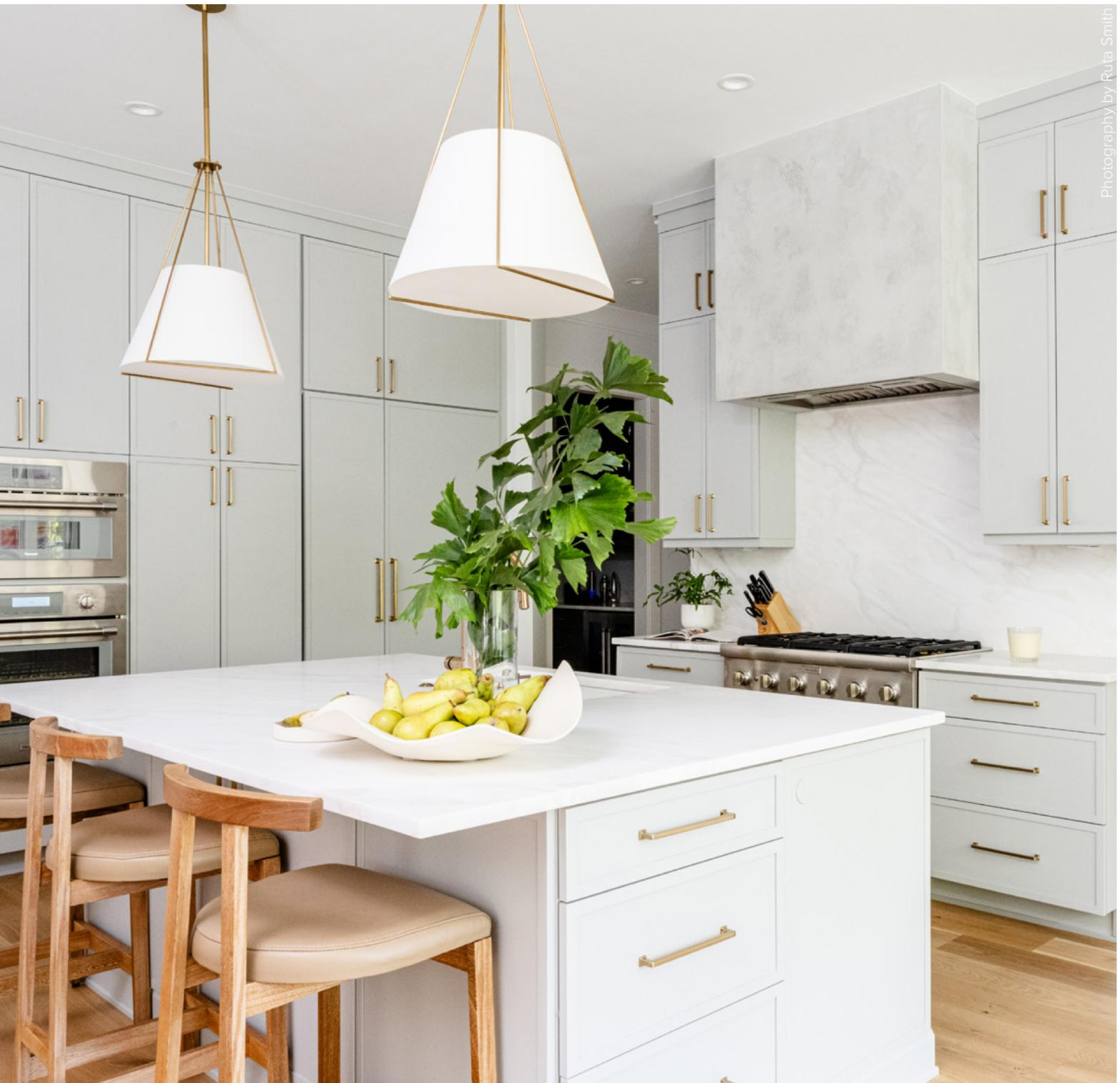
Go Bold in Small Spaces

A pantry doesn't have to be boring. Make it a standout feature with bold wallpaper and lacquered cabinetry, while giving your kitchen the functional storage every home needs.

Kitchen Remodel by Priester's Custom Contracting, priesterscustomhomes.com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Use Soft Tones for a Refresh

This kitchen redesign is understated yet layered, with thoughtful texture and contrast. The appliances were carefully selected to balance luxury and usability, blending into the sleek micro-shaker cabinetry. Interior design by Patty Wilbourne of PWD Studio.

Home Renovation by Arnett Custom Homes, arnettcustomhomes.com

Dress the Windows

Reduce costs with roller shades or blinds to better insulate your home from the heat of the sun and introduce texture.

Hunter Douglas Window Treatments by Advanced Window Fashions, advancedwindowfashions.com

Photography by Kelly Parrish

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Elevate the Island

Increase kitchen storage by incorporating it into your kitchen island.

Custom Cabinetry by Mulberry Millworks, mulberrymillworks.com

Declutter the Drawers

Have custom insets added inside your kitchen cabinets to keep pots and pans neatly organized, freeing up counter space and making cooking more enjoyable.

Custom Cabinet Organization by ShelfGenie, shelfgenie.com

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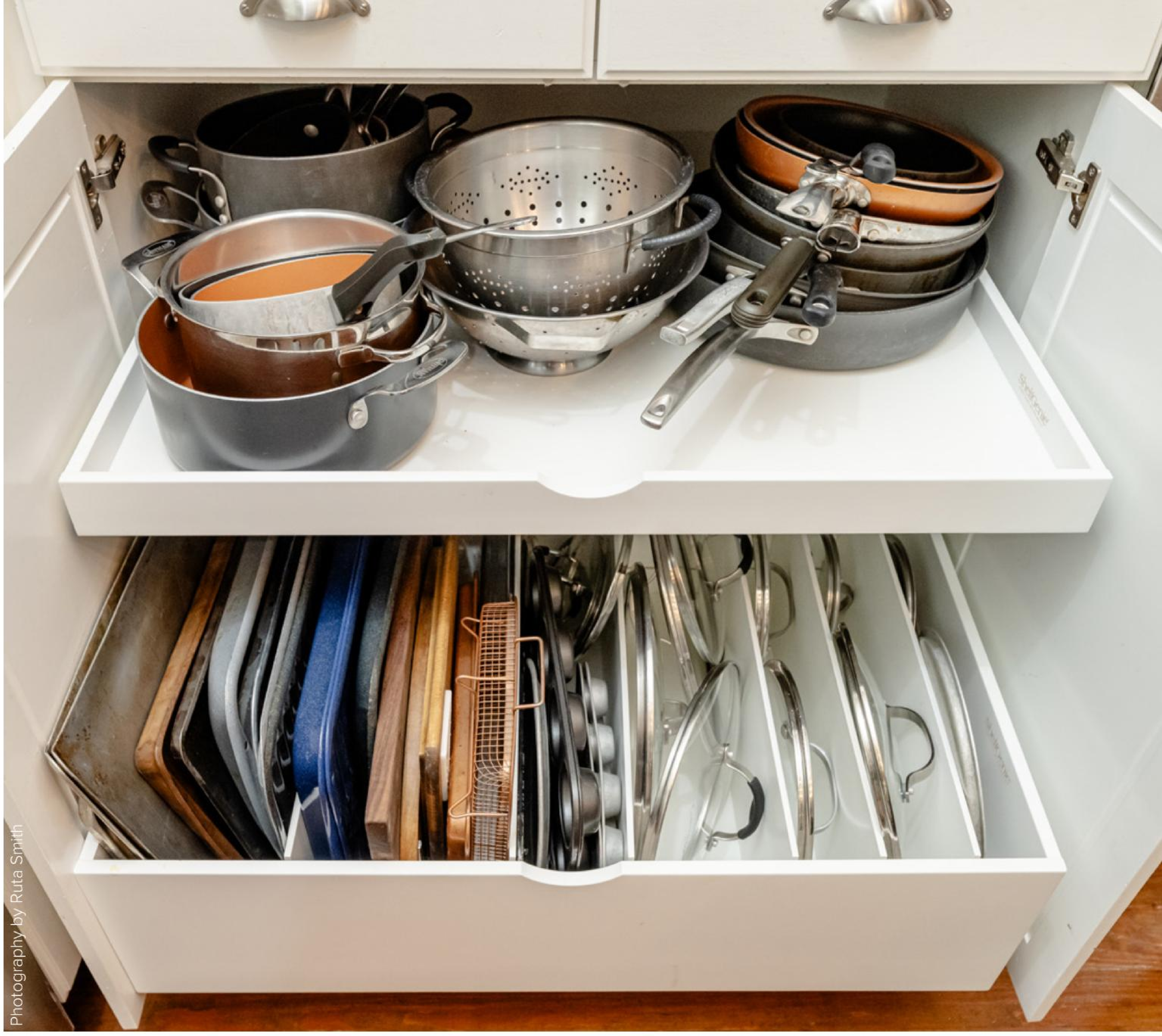
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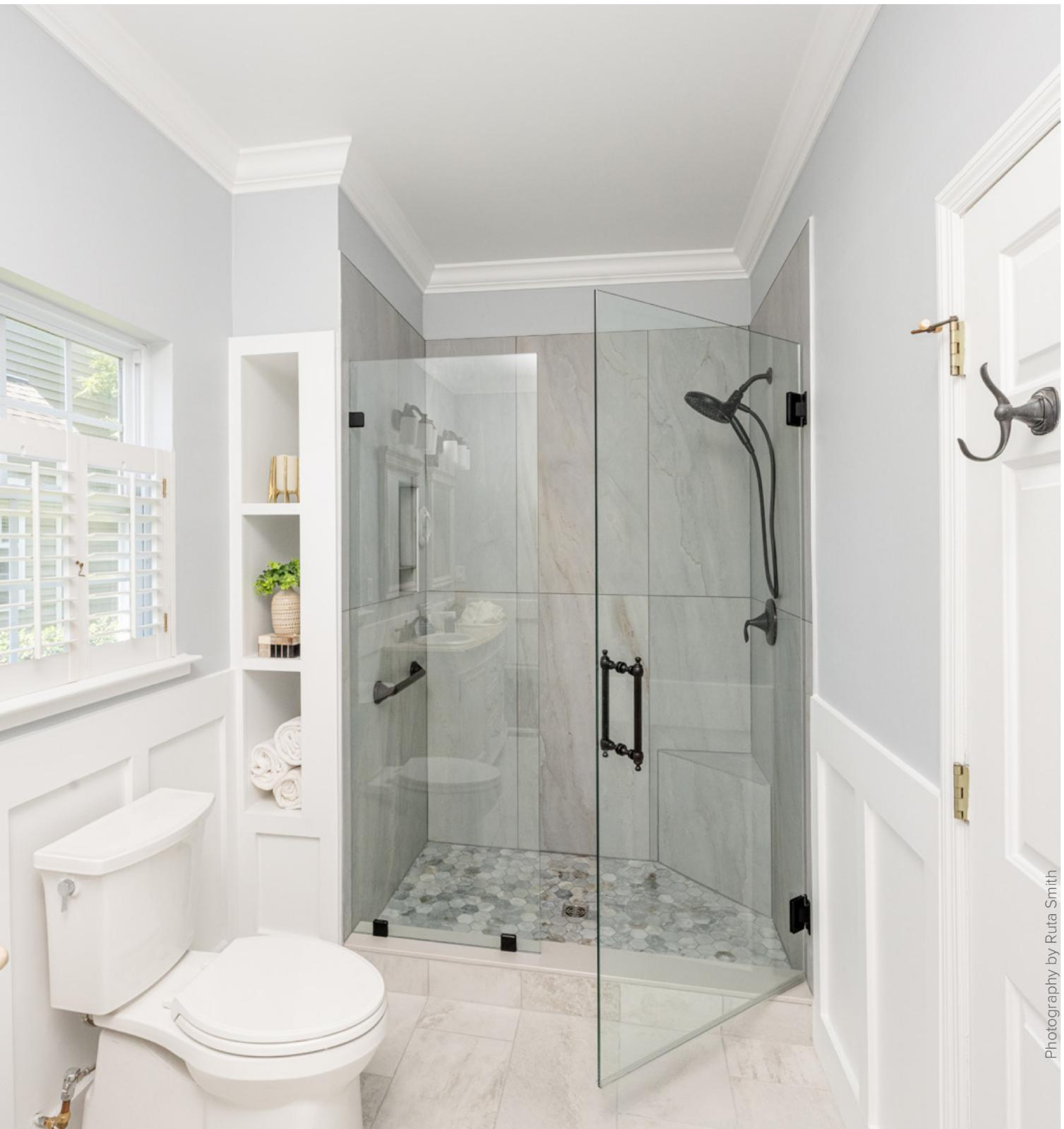
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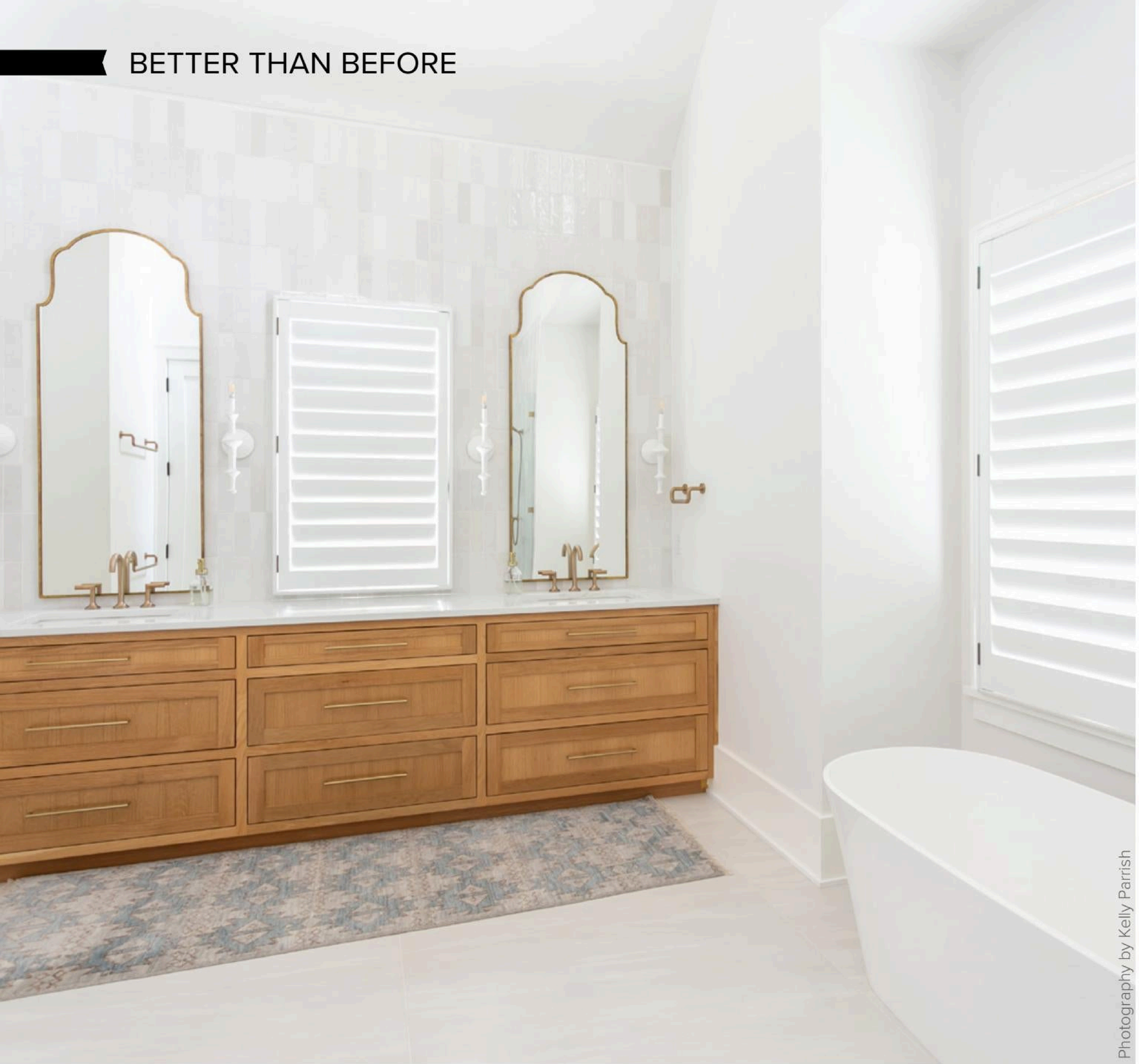
Go with Glass

Swap your tub for a sleek walk-in shower.

Glass Shower Enclosure Installed by Malibu Shower Enclosures, malibushowerenclosures.com



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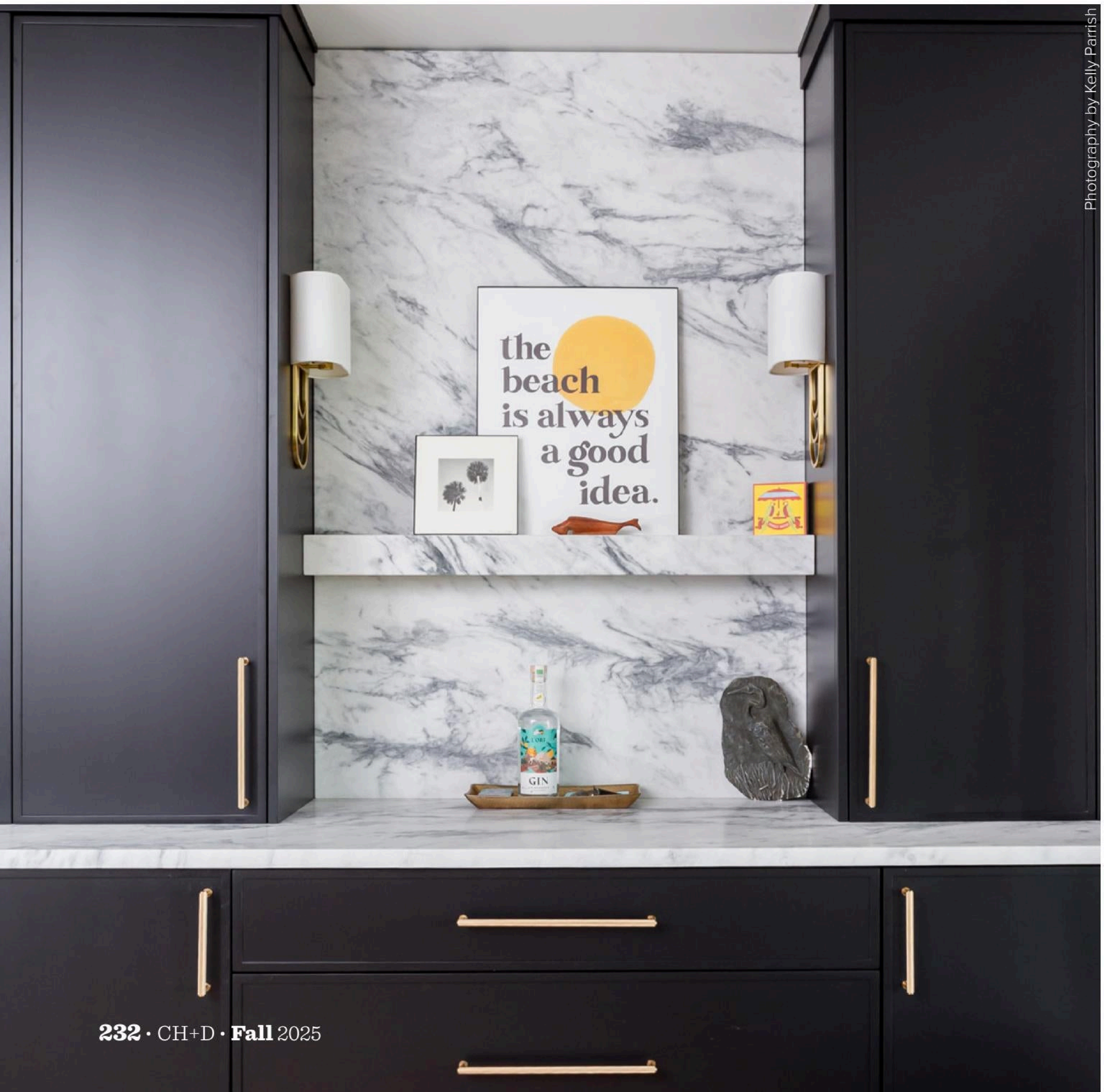
Incorporate Natural Wood

Opt for custom drawer boxes tailored around plumbing fixtures to maximize storage while ensuring a seamless fit. Home Built by Welch Custom Homes.

Custom Inset White Oak Vanity Cabinets in Clear Finish with Shaker Panel Drawers by Sullivan Custom Cabinets, Inc., facebook.com/sullivancustomcabinetsinc



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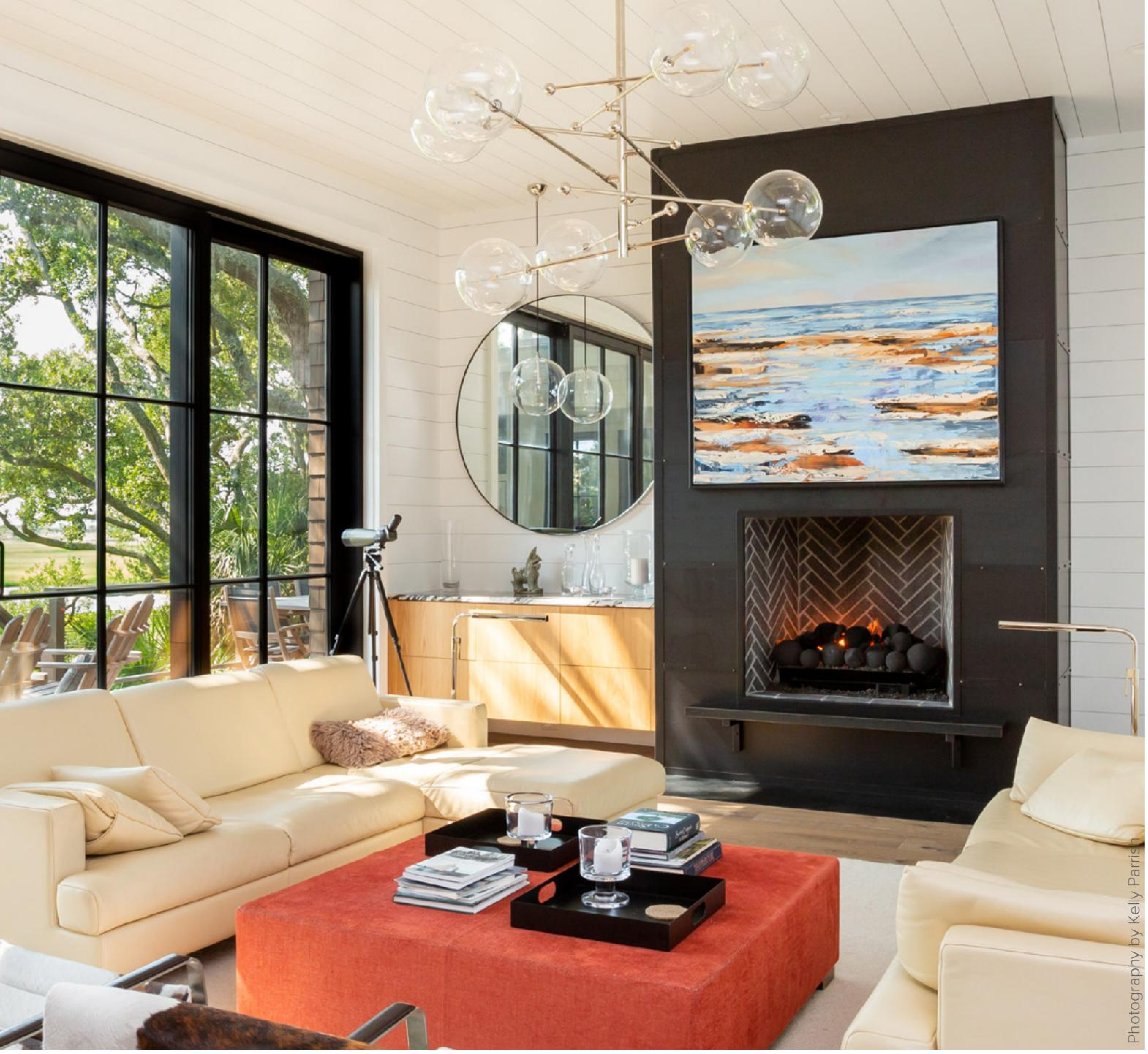
Make a Marble Statement

This marble bar with a mitered shelf creates visual continuity with your kitchen space while adding extra surface area for entertaining. Sourced from Charleston Cosmos Granite & Marble.

Fabricated Mont Blanc Marble Countertops by Palmetto Surfacing, palmettosurfacing.com



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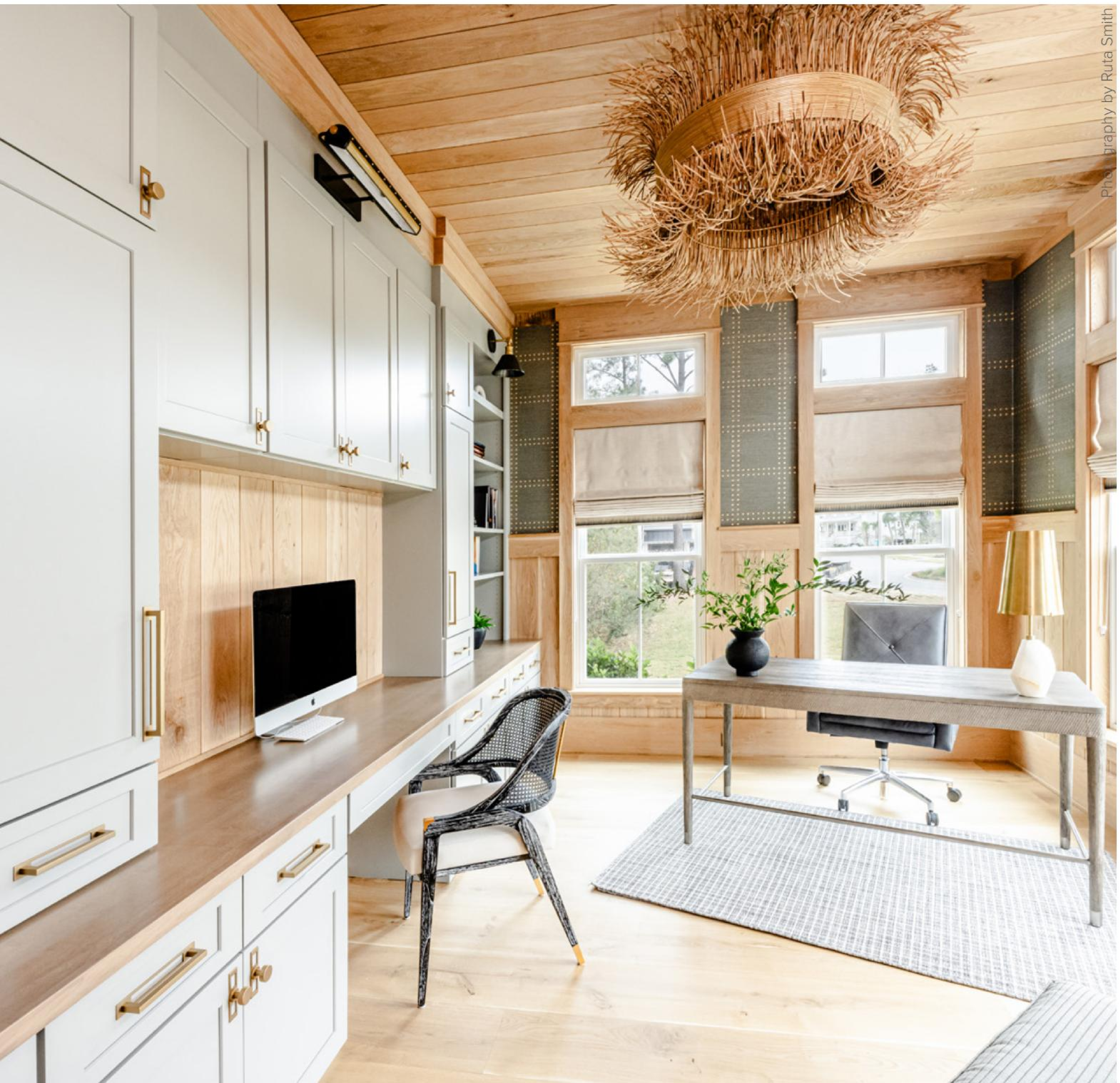
Warm-Up the Design

Enhance the ambiance with a gas fireplace for a warm glow.

Modern Isokern Fireplace by WilliamSmith Fireplaces, williamsmithfireplaces.com



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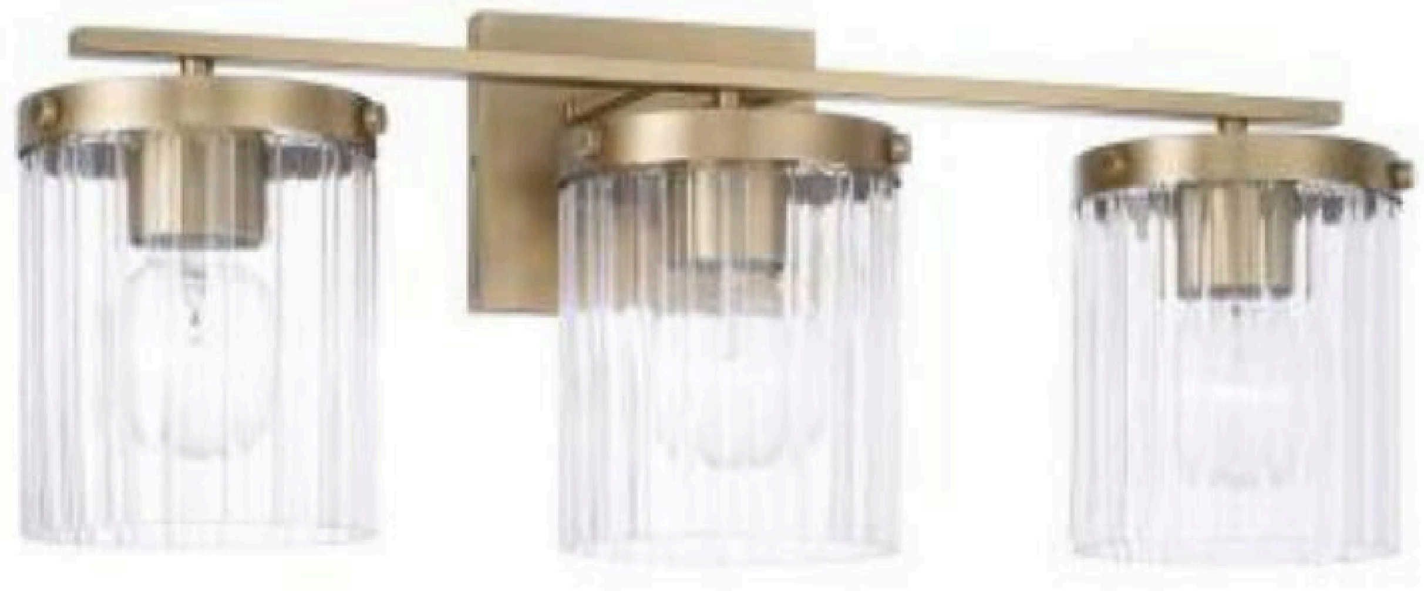
Improve Work-Life Balance

This workspace was customized for two with a desk and cabinet built-ins. This also creates a sense of separation between personal and professional life.

Designed by Shay Patterson of Riverside Designers, riversidedesigners.com

Luxe Light Fixtures

From chandeliers to sleek vanity lights, find the perfect fixtures to enhance ambiance and visibility.



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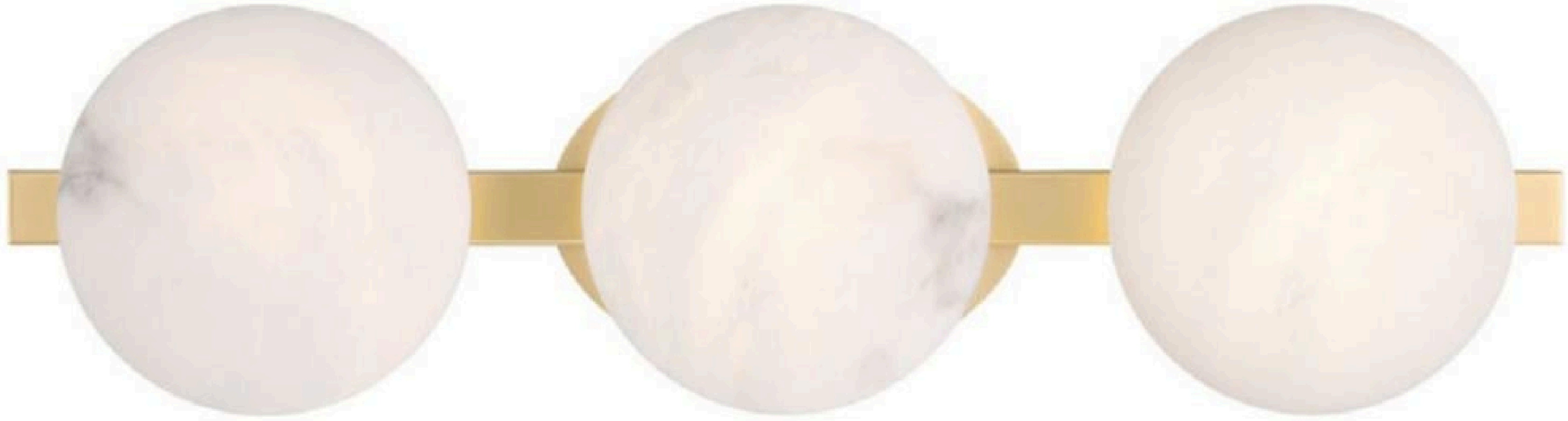

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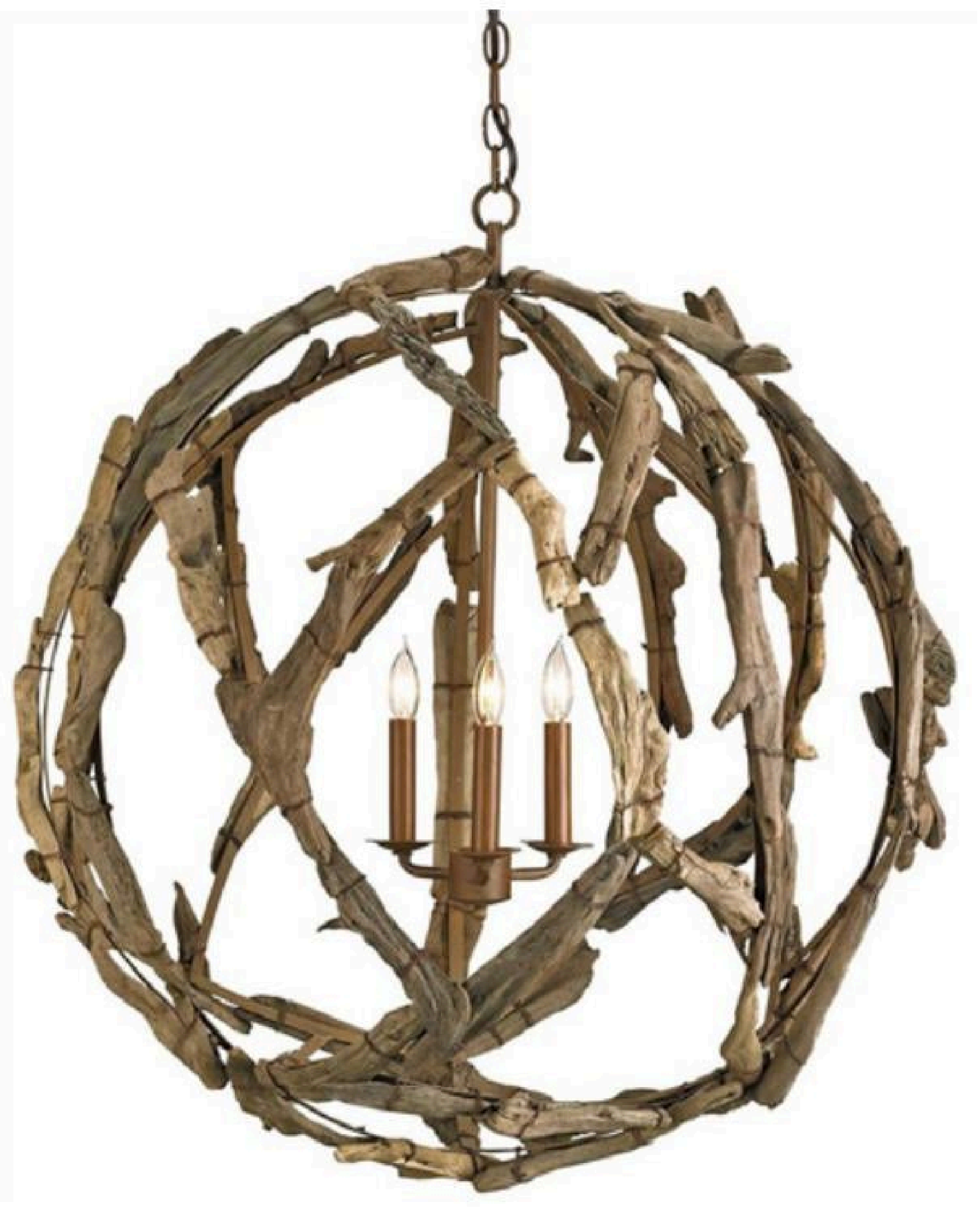

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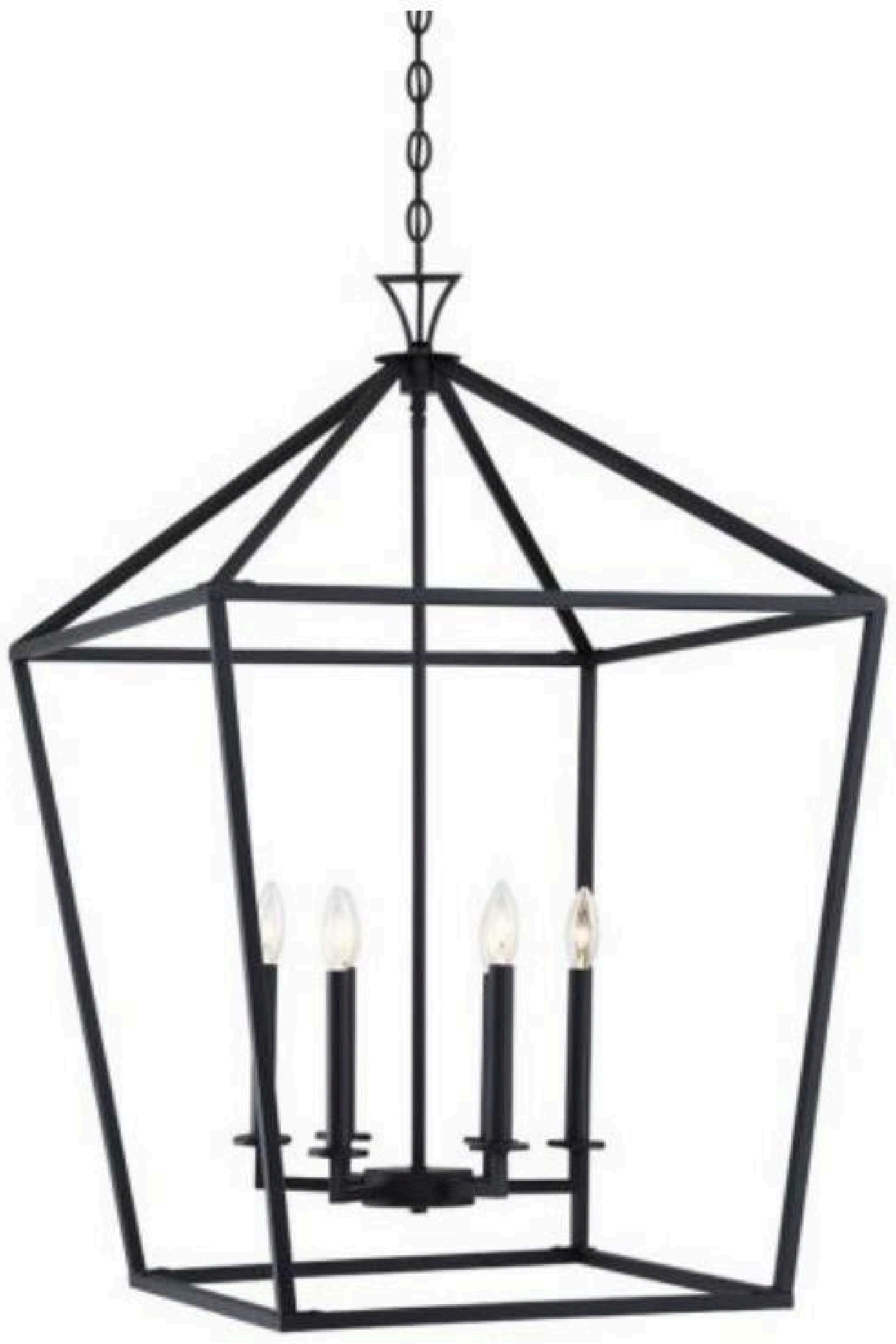

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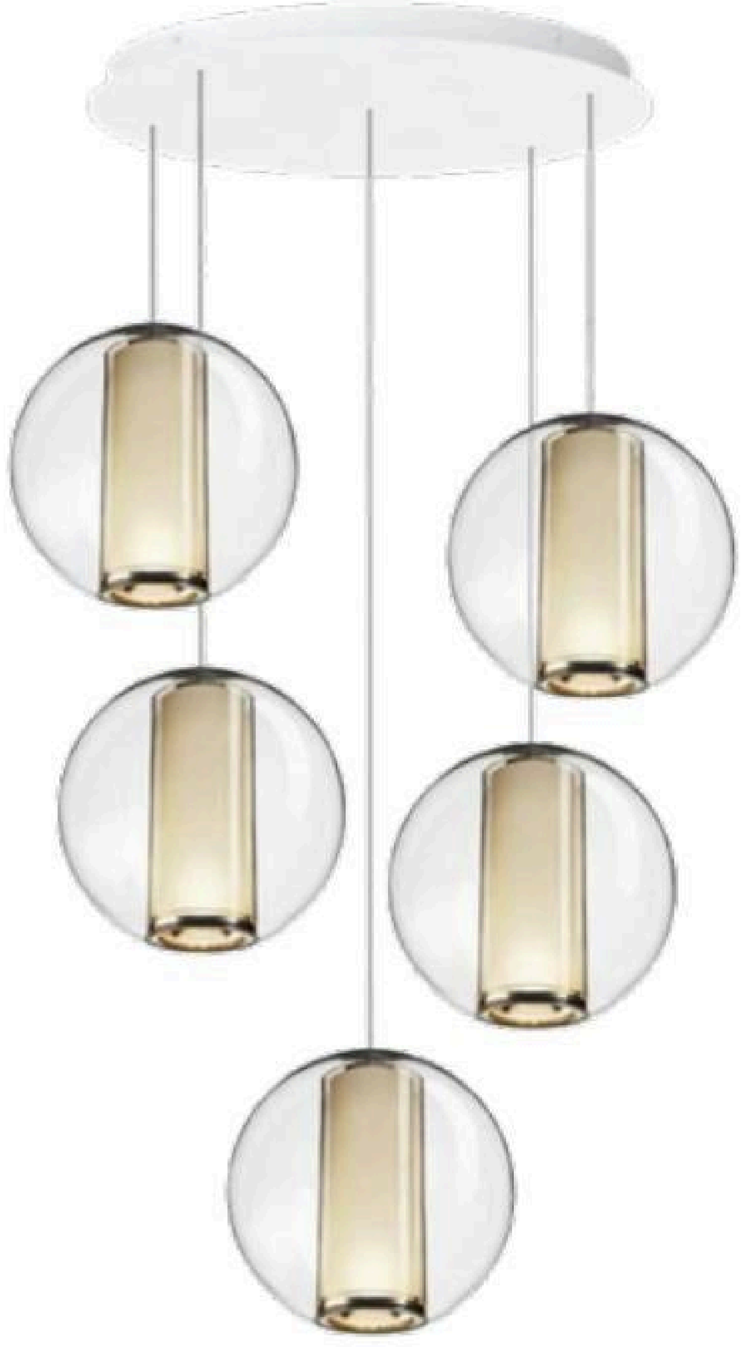

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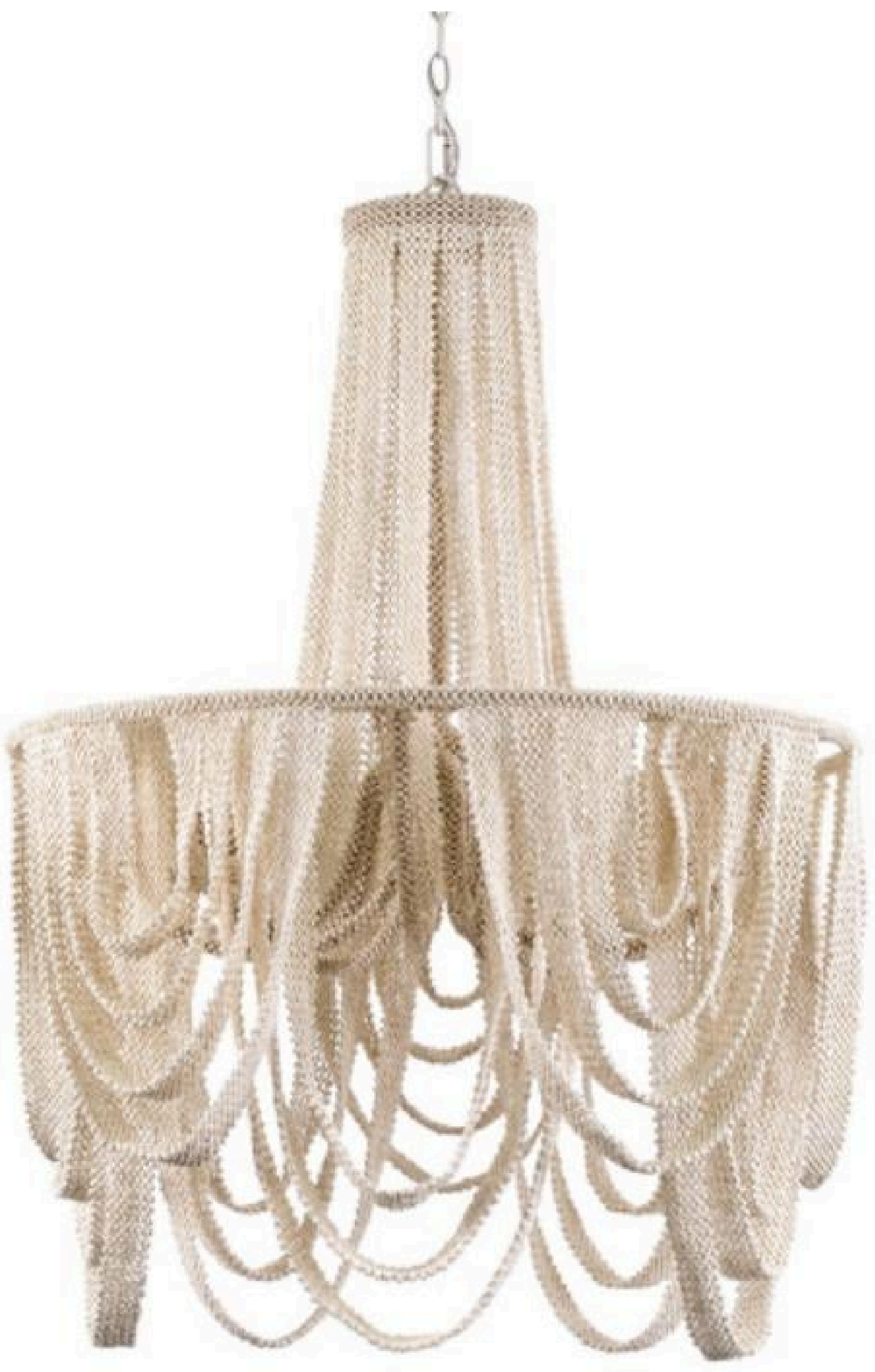

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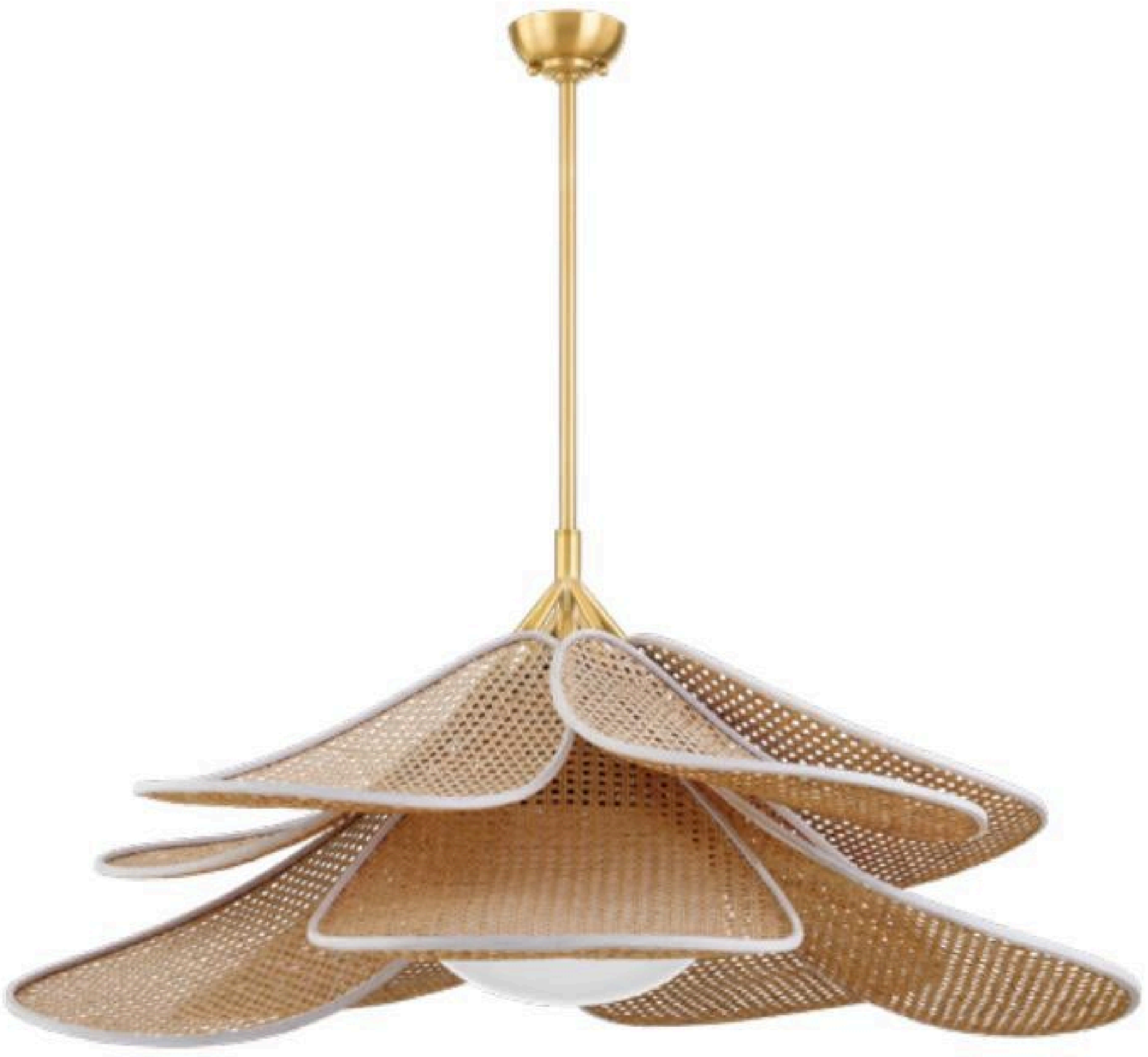
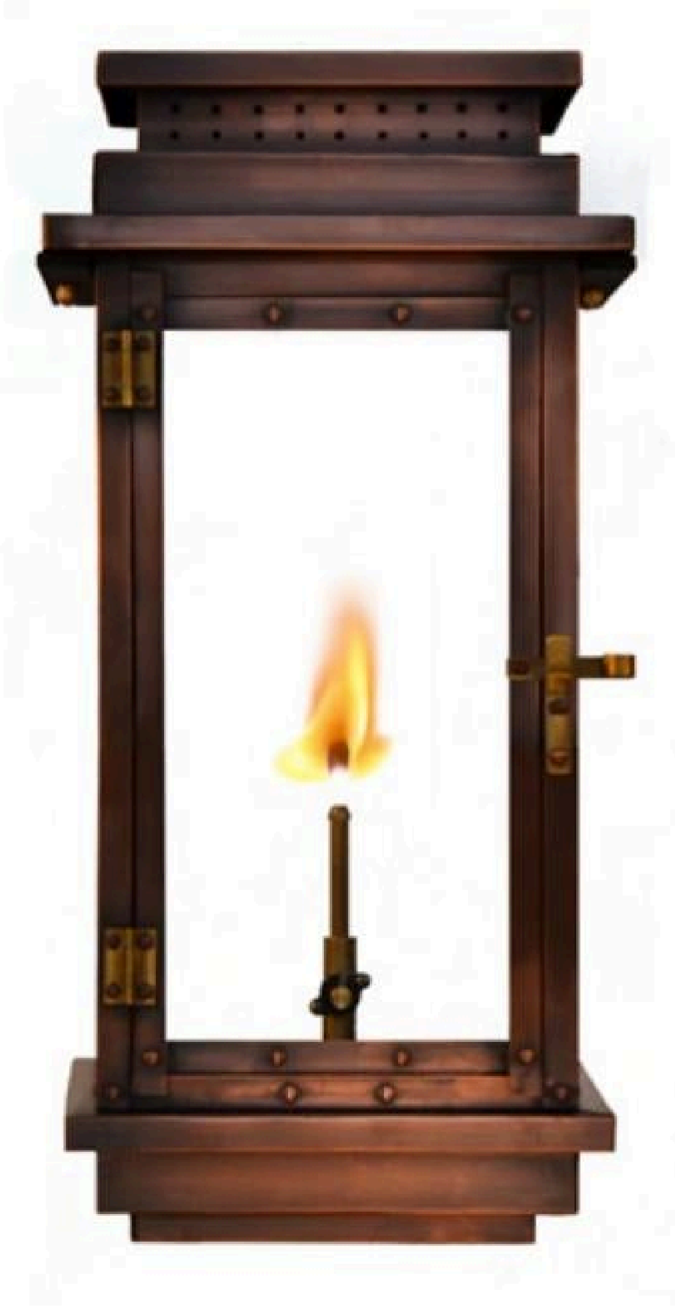


Florina Chandelier
Carolina Lanterns & Lighting



Contempo Wall Lantern
Charleston Lighting and Interiors

Create Contrast

This bathroom was transformed with a new dual vanity and fresh countertops. Porcelain tile floors are luxurious and practical, while brass hardware harmonizes warmth with wood detail.

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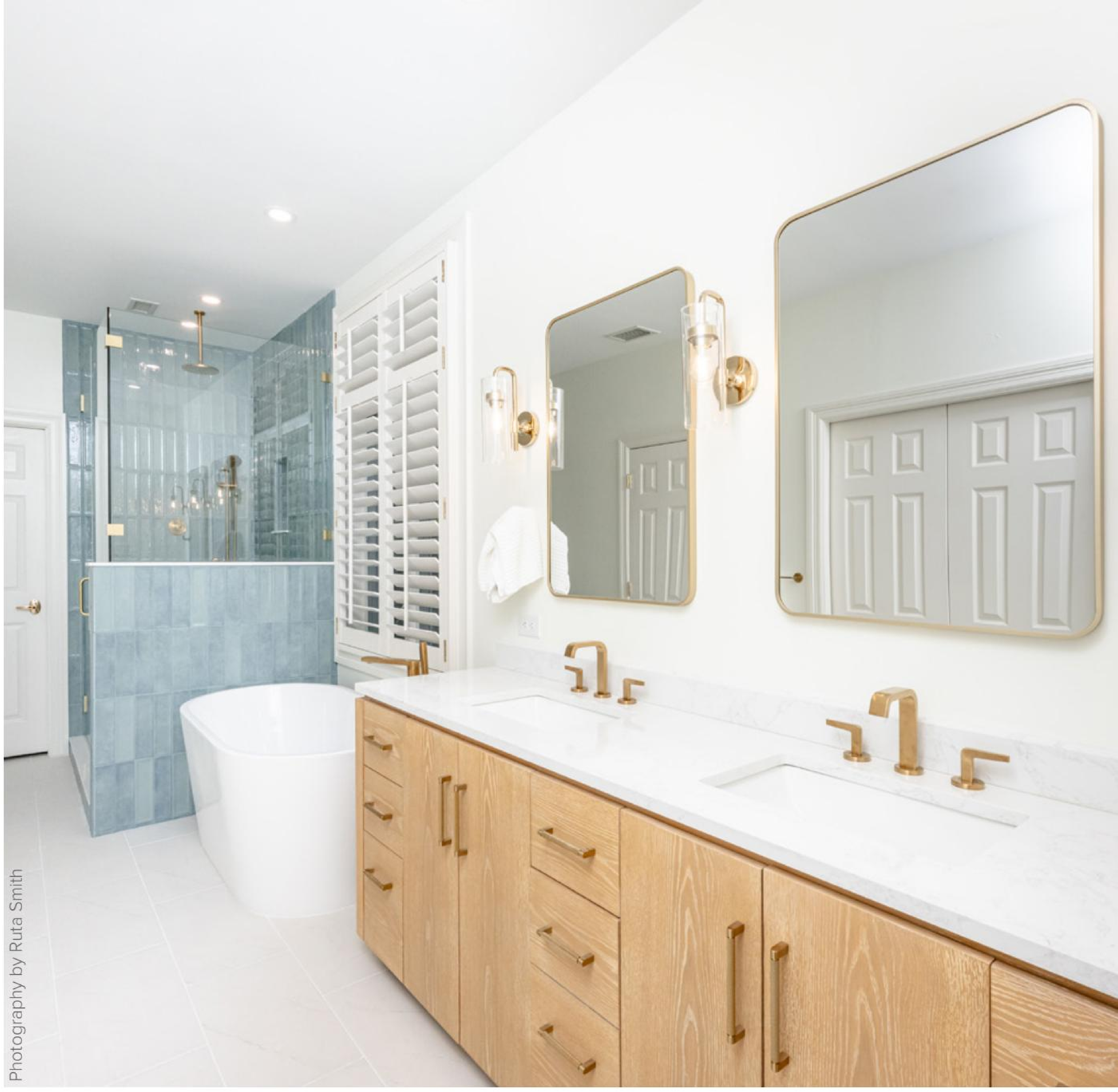
Bathroom Remodel by Bath Tune-Up, bathtune-up.com

Plumbing Fixtures Provided by Moluf's Supply, molufs.com



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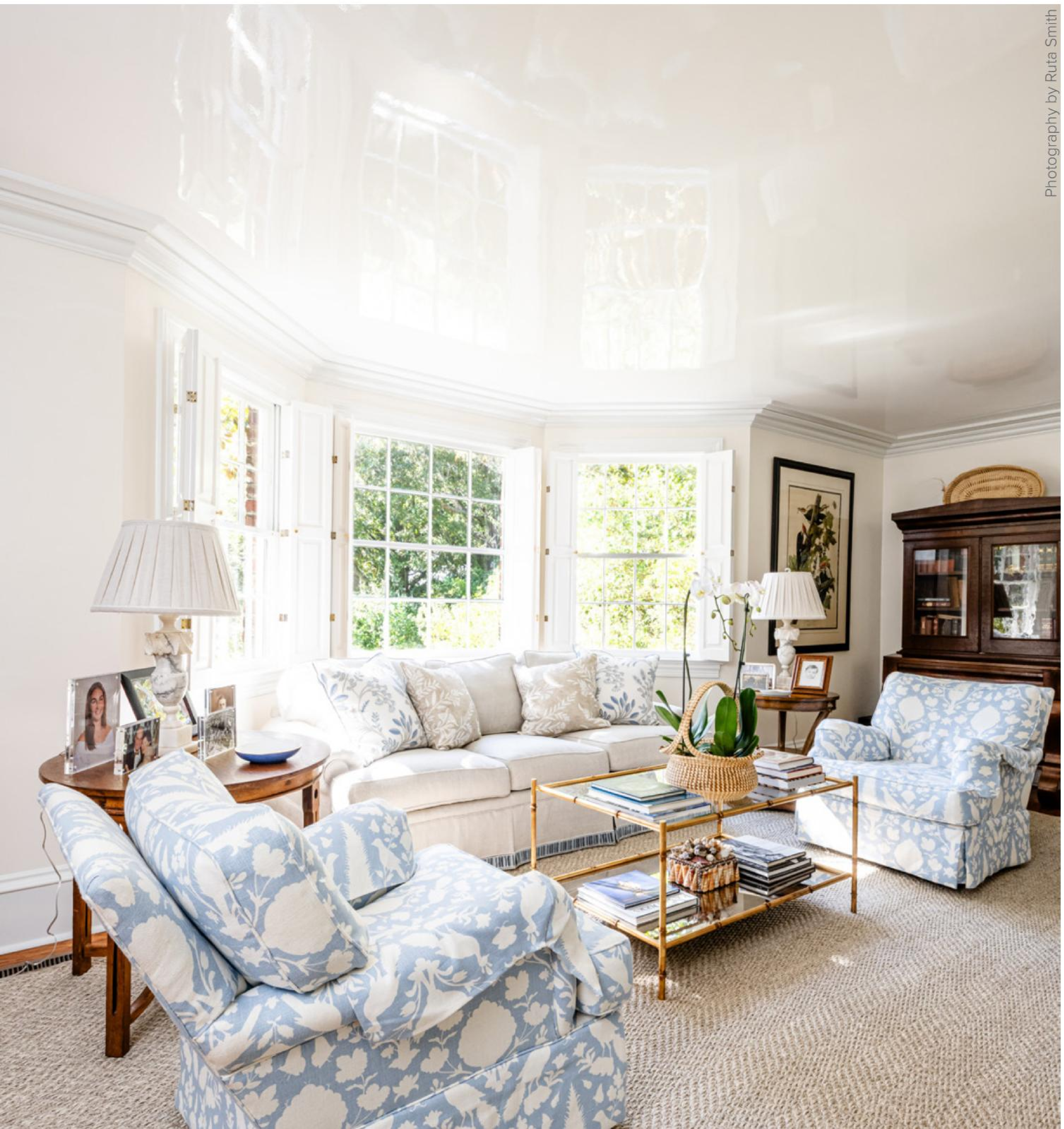

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Play with Paint

Experiment with various finishes, such as this high-gloss ceiling repaint, to achieve a reflective design refresh.

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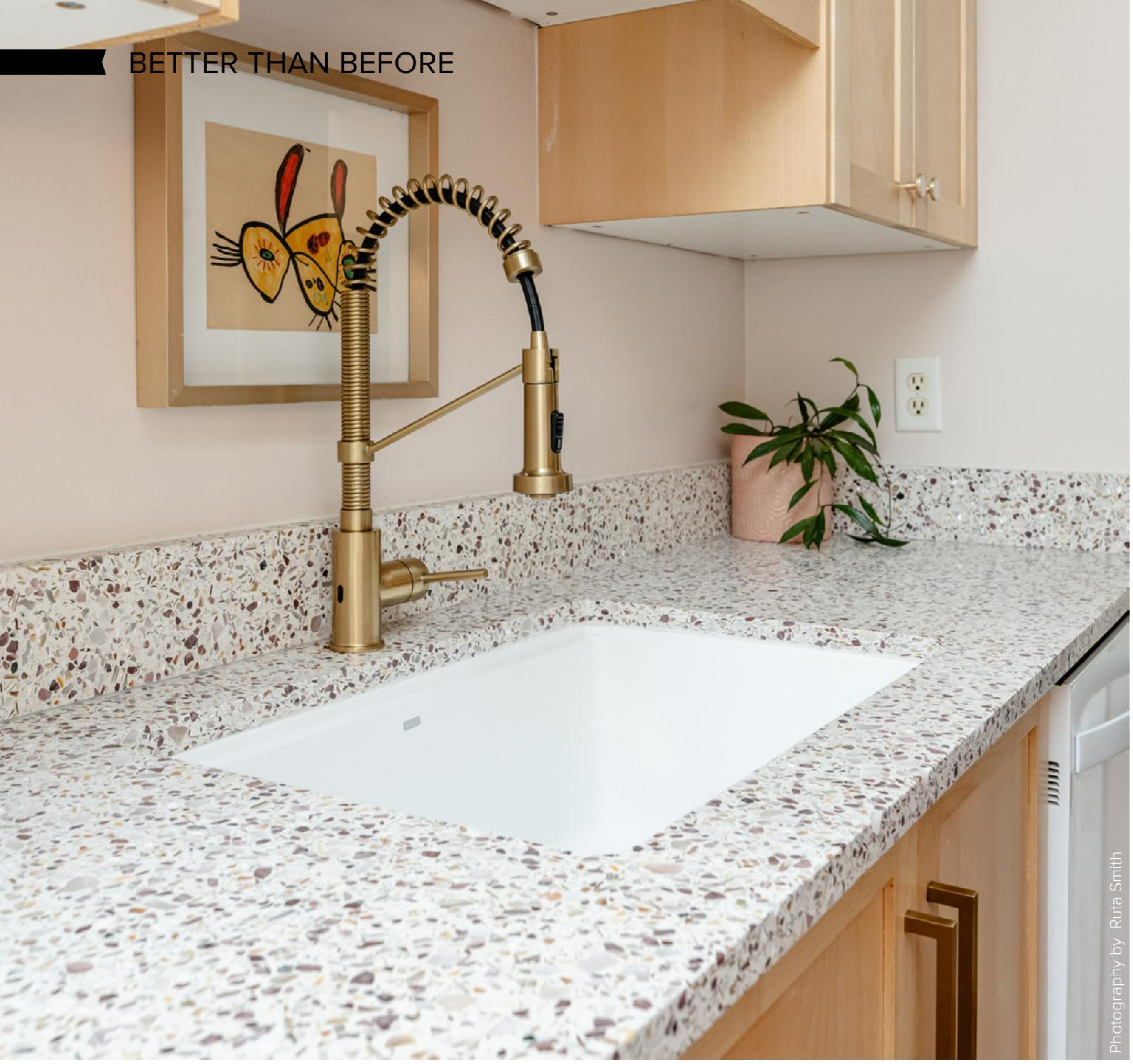
Lacquered Ceilings Painted by Koozer Painting, koozerpainting.com

High-Gloss Benjamin Moore Paint from Spectrum Paint, spectrumpaint.com



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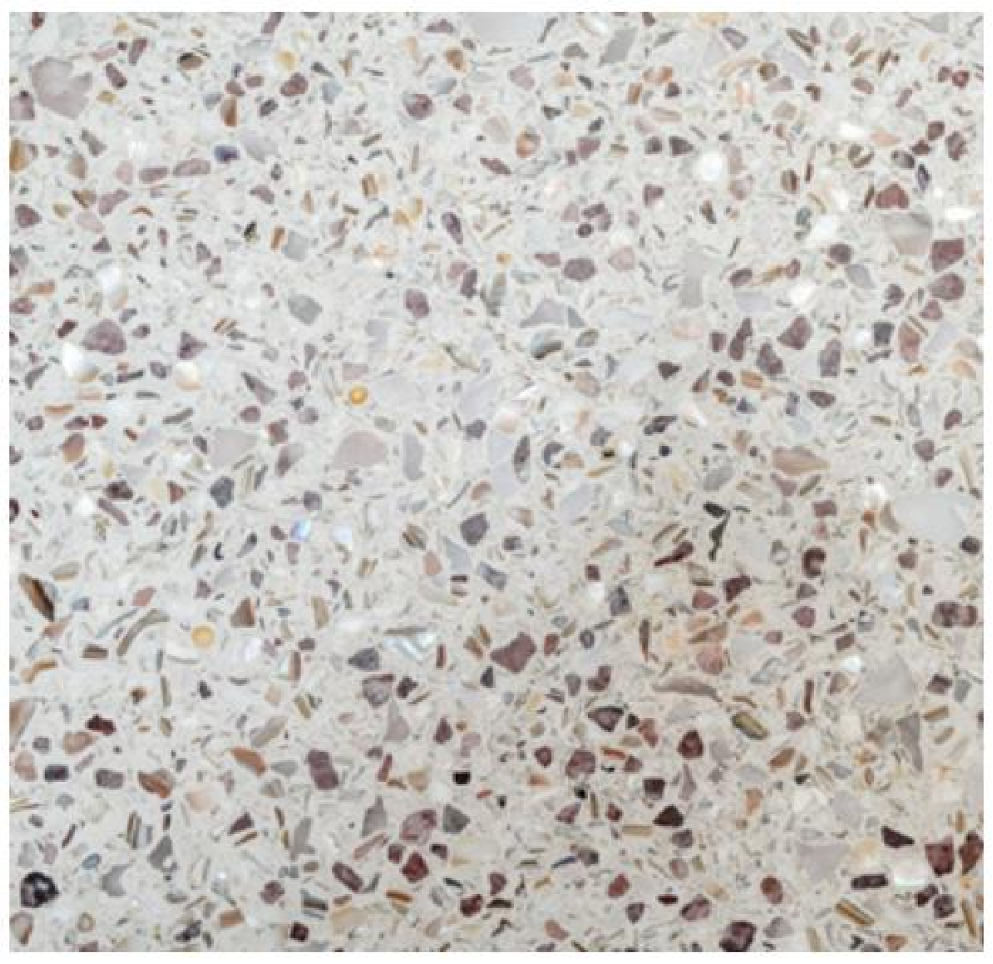
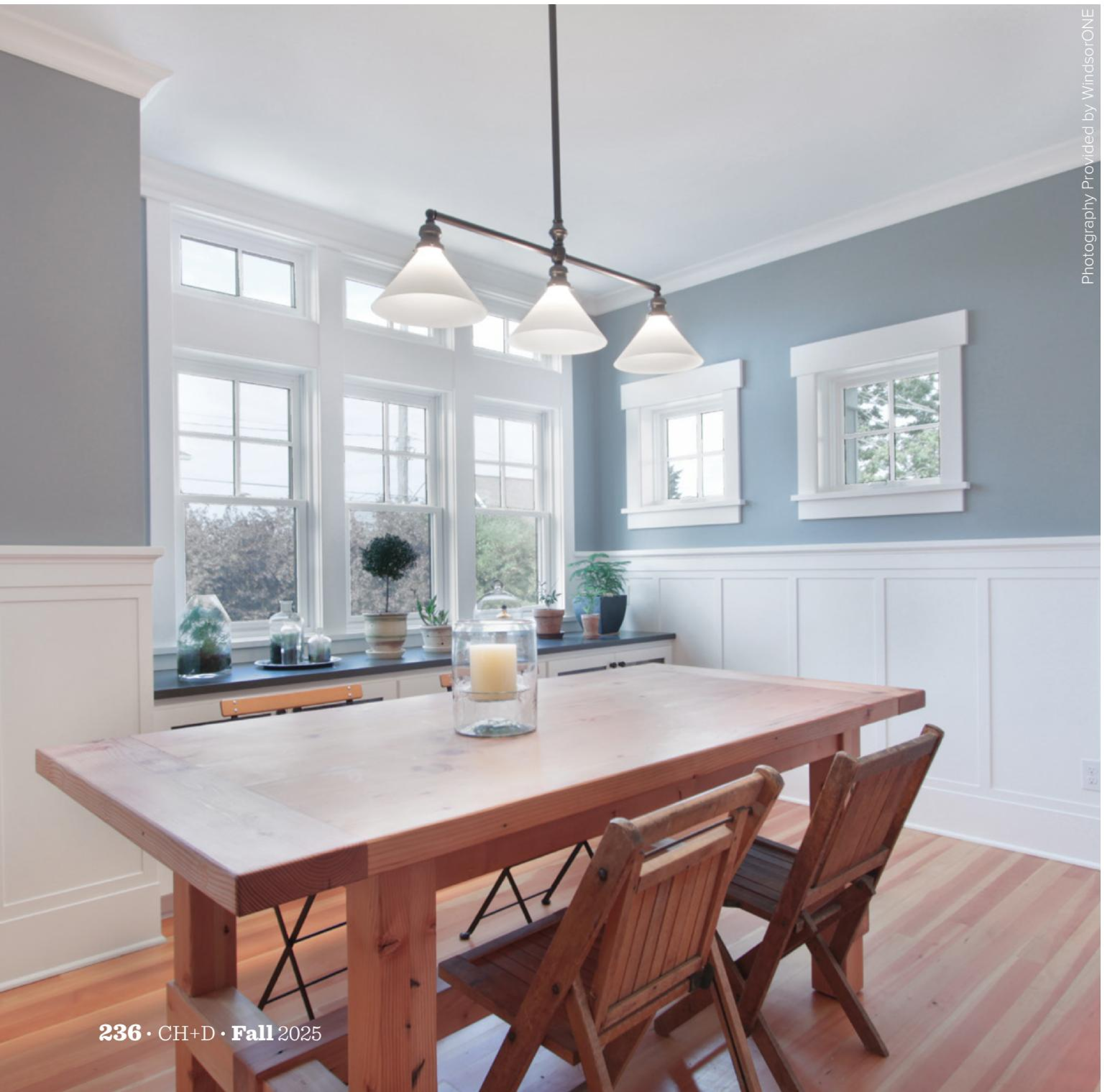


Add Texture with Terrazzo

These homeowners created a custom surface with their own collection of seashells for an eco-friendly and highly-personal design element.

Custom Countertops by GlassEco Surfaces, glassecosurfaces.com

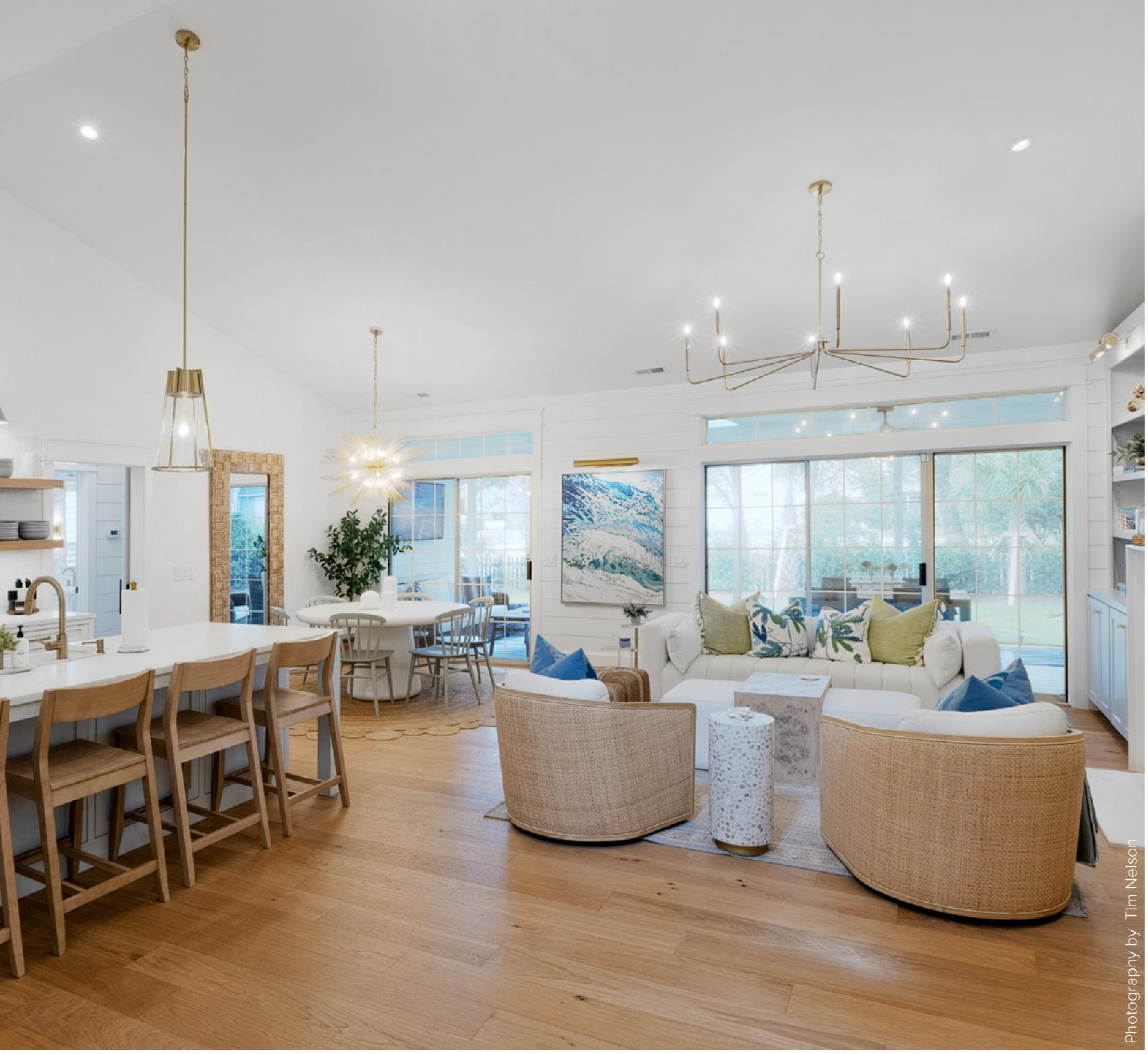


Photography Provided by WindsorONE

Personalize with Millwork

Create charm by adding white wainscoting and trim that frame the windows for a timeless appearance.

Building Materials Supplied by WindsorONE, WindsorONE.com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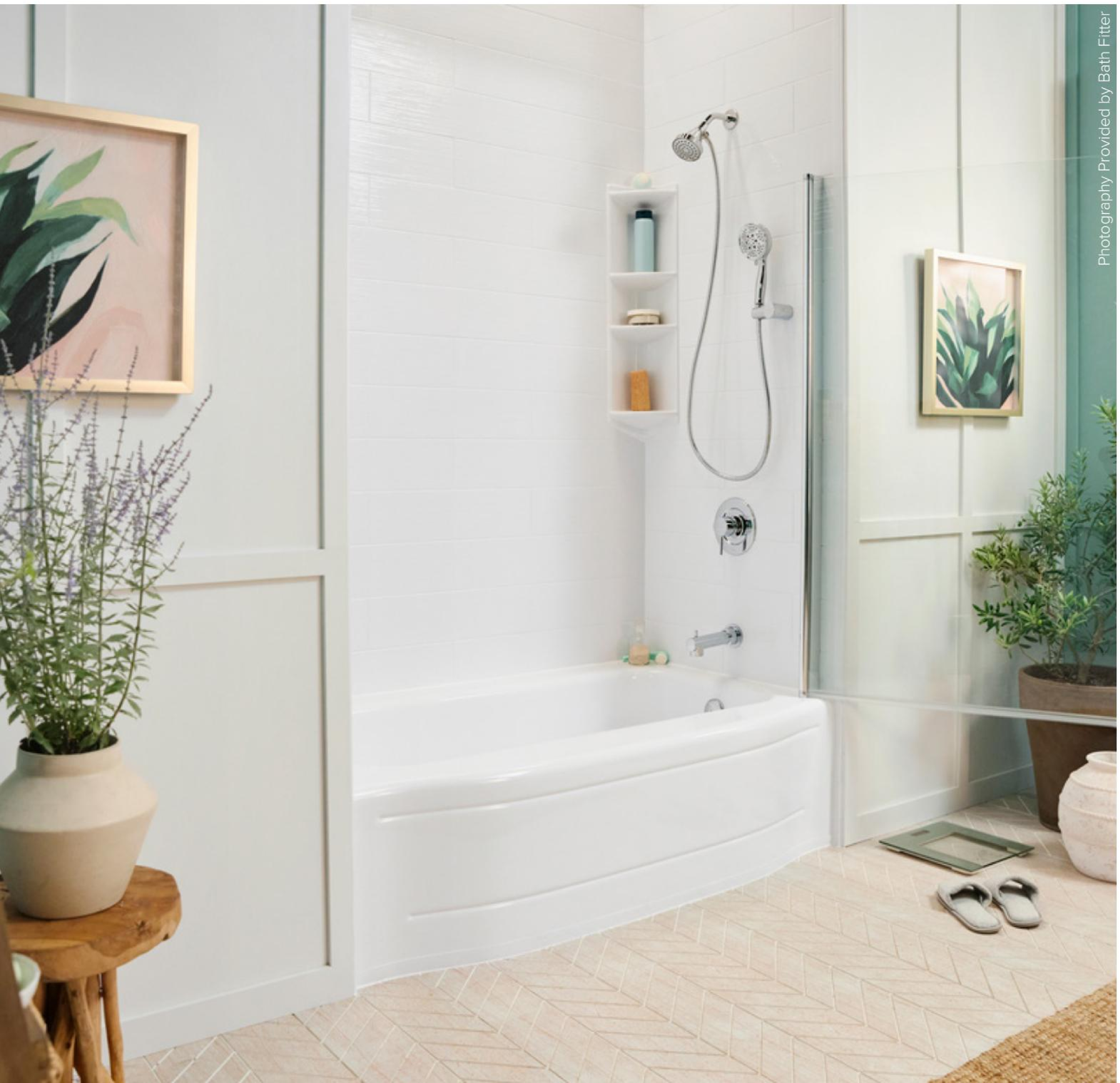
Layer Lighting

Use lighting to unify an open floor plan, coordinating fixtures across the kitchen, dining, and living areas creates a seamless visual flow and elevates the overall design. Built and Designed by Island Park Renovations, Cabinetry by Sullivan Custom Cabinets, Tile by Melcer Tile, Plumbing Fixtures by Moluf's Supply, Island by Island Epoxy, Accessories by Megan Molten, Landscape Installed by Forever Lawn Charleston, Plantings by True Blue Nursery, Art from Gray Man Gallery.

Light Fixtures by Lowcountry Lighting Studio,
lowcountrylightingstudio.com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Dream Bath, Simplified

Transform your bathroom in just one day with PermaFit™ from Bath Fitter—beautiful, custom-fit tubs, showers, and walls that install right over your existing bath. Durable, seamless, and easy to maintain, it's the stunning upgrade you want without the mess or cost of a traditional renovation.

PermaFit™ Tub, Shower, and Walls by Bath Fitter of Charleston,
bathfitter.com

Personalize the Pantry

Customize your cabinetry with pull-out drawers, gliders, and adjustable shelves. Consider including a beverage station or appliance garages to maximize surface space and increase accessibility.

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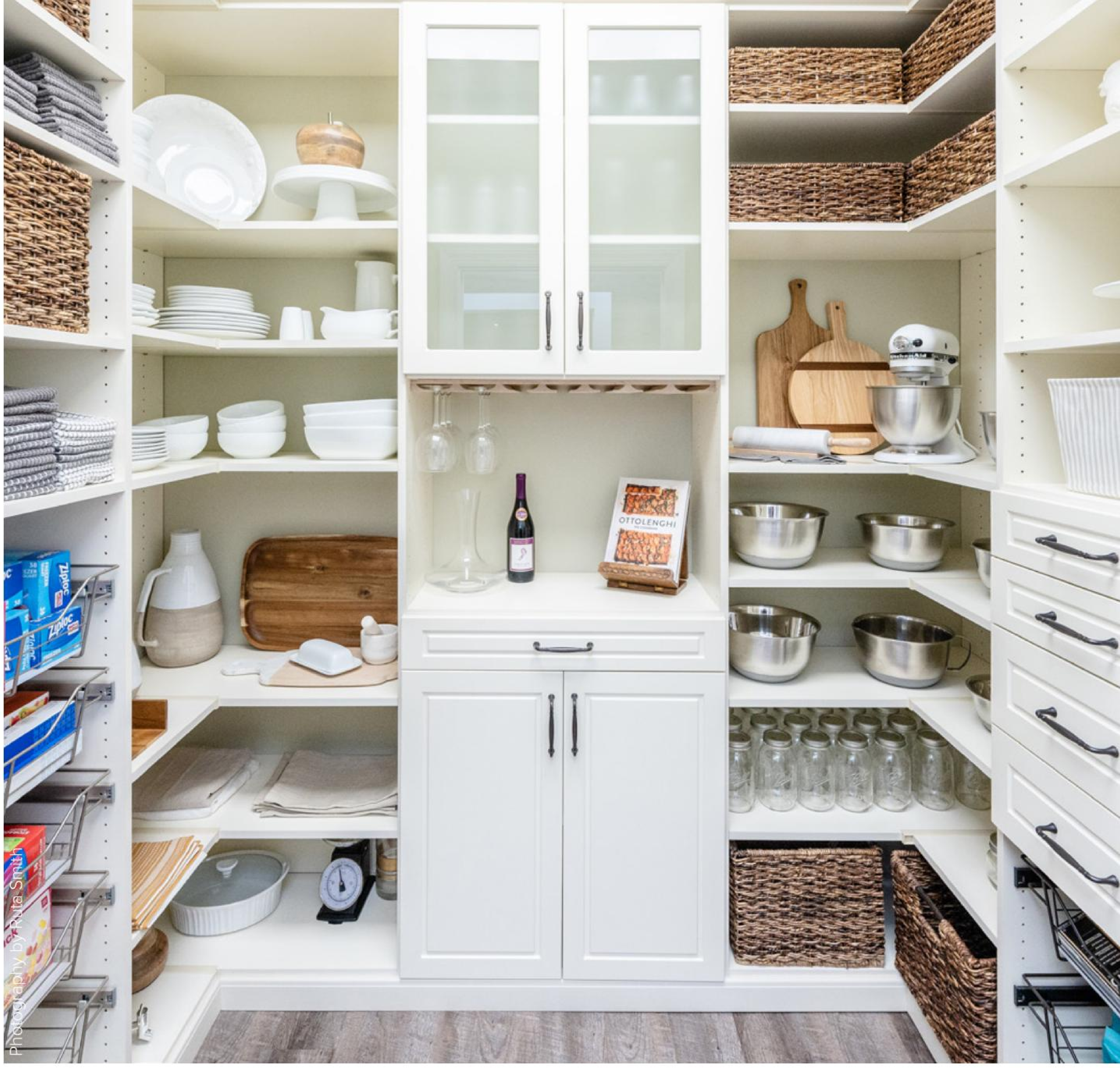
Custom Pantry Organization by Inspired Closets, inspiredclosetschas.com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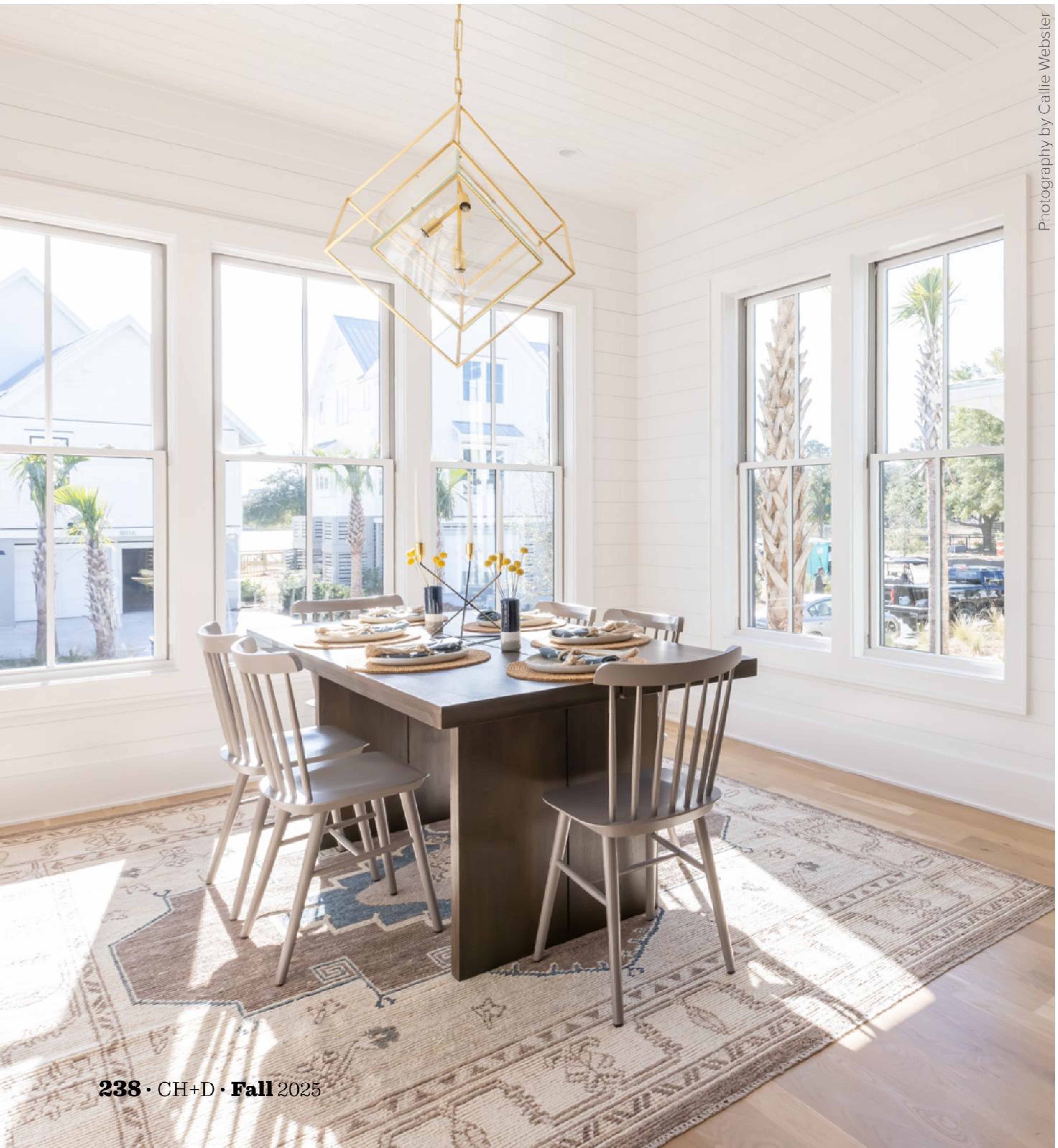
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Ground the Space

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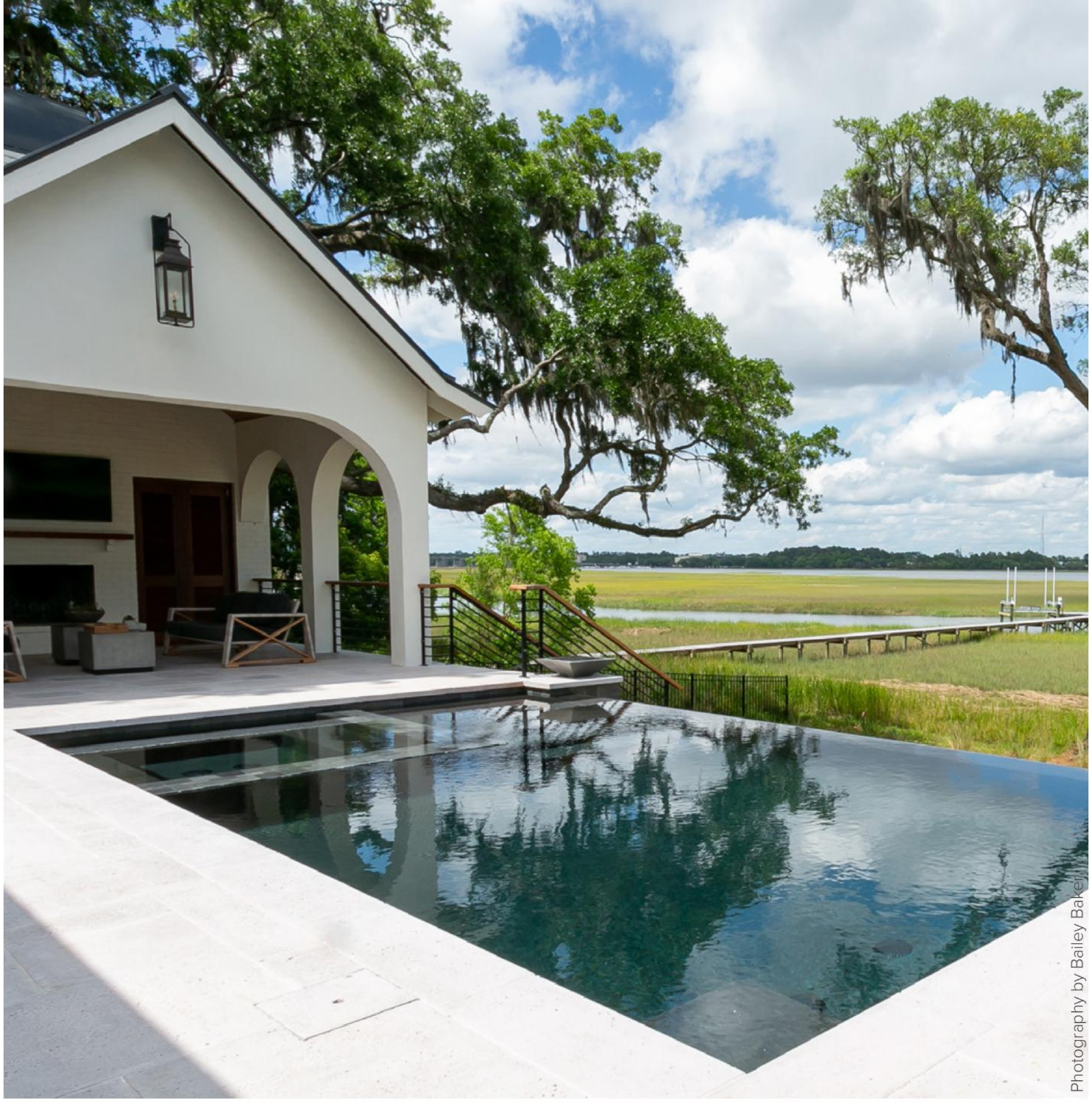
Add a comfortable layer of color and pattern with a dining room area rug.

Turkish Rug by Zuma Imports, zumaimports.com

Design for the View

Place your infinity pool where the water meets the horizon to create a seamless edge that frames the view. ▶

Pool Designed and Installed by Clear Blue Pools, clearbluepools.net



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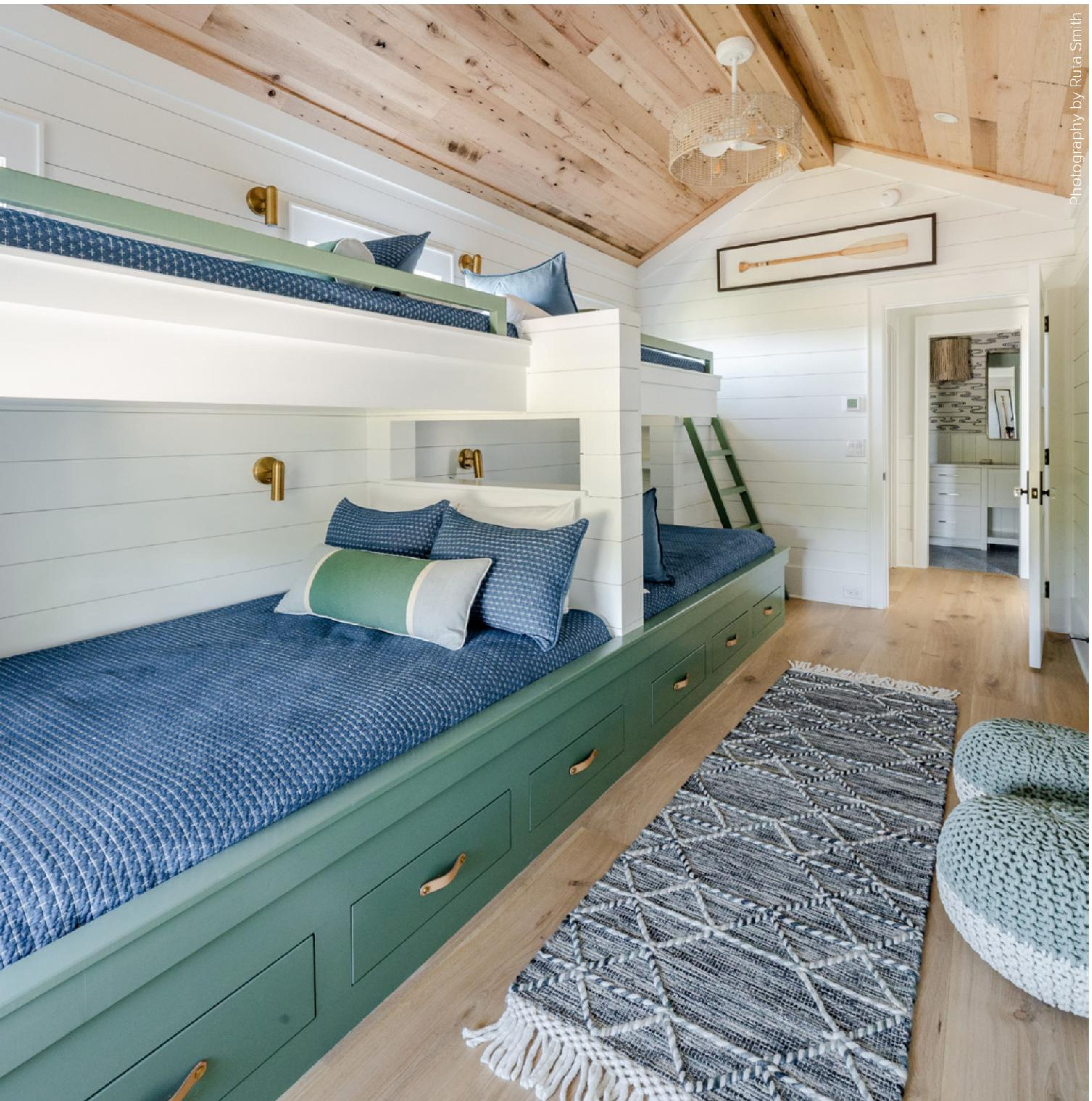

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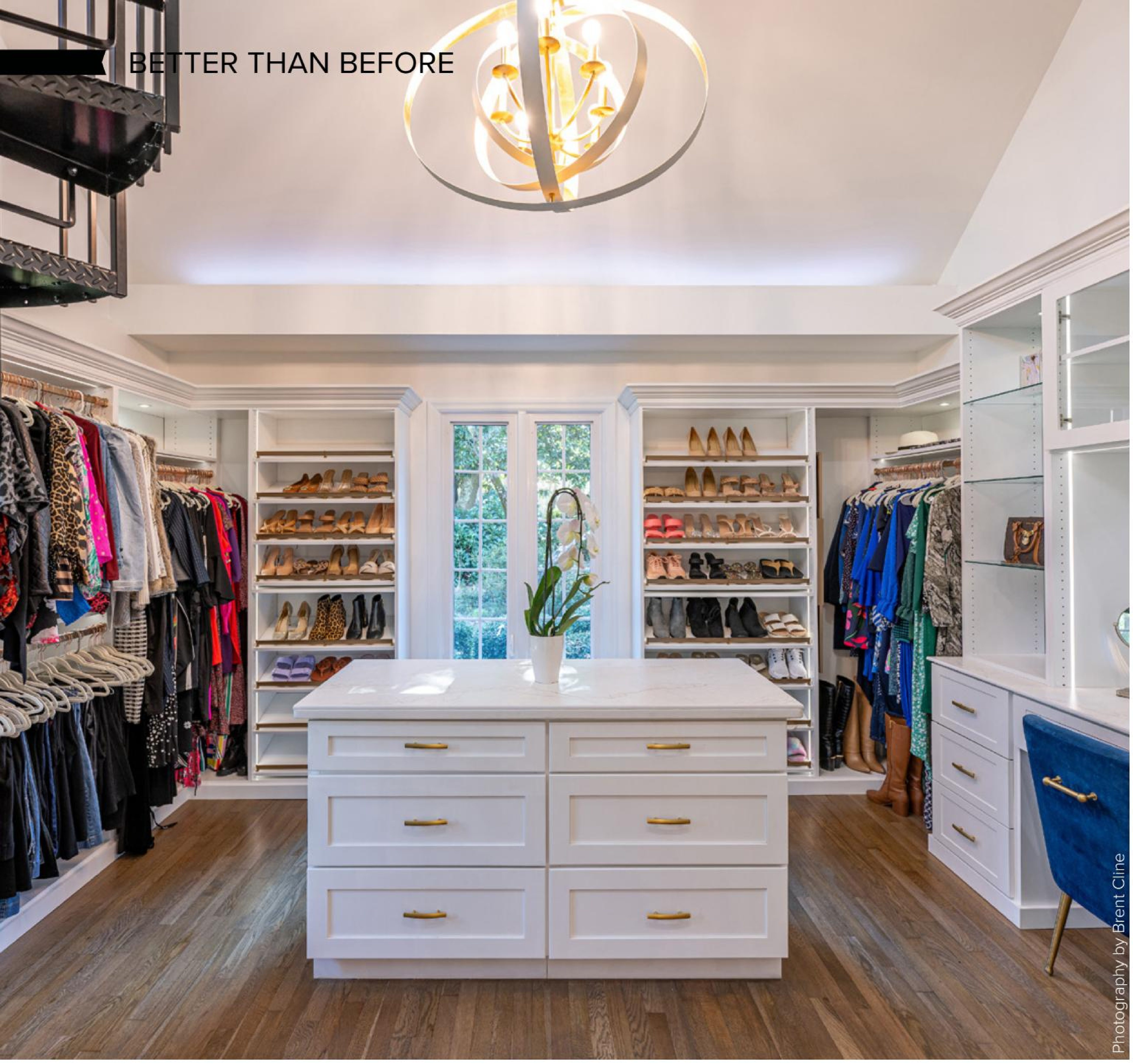
Double the Sleep Space

◀ Build a bunk room for guests, especially children and young adults. Base storage keeps the space tidy while wall-mounted lighting gives each person the opportunity to unwind or rise early without disturbing others.

Built by Lowcountry Premier Custom Homes, lowcountrypremiercustomhomes.com

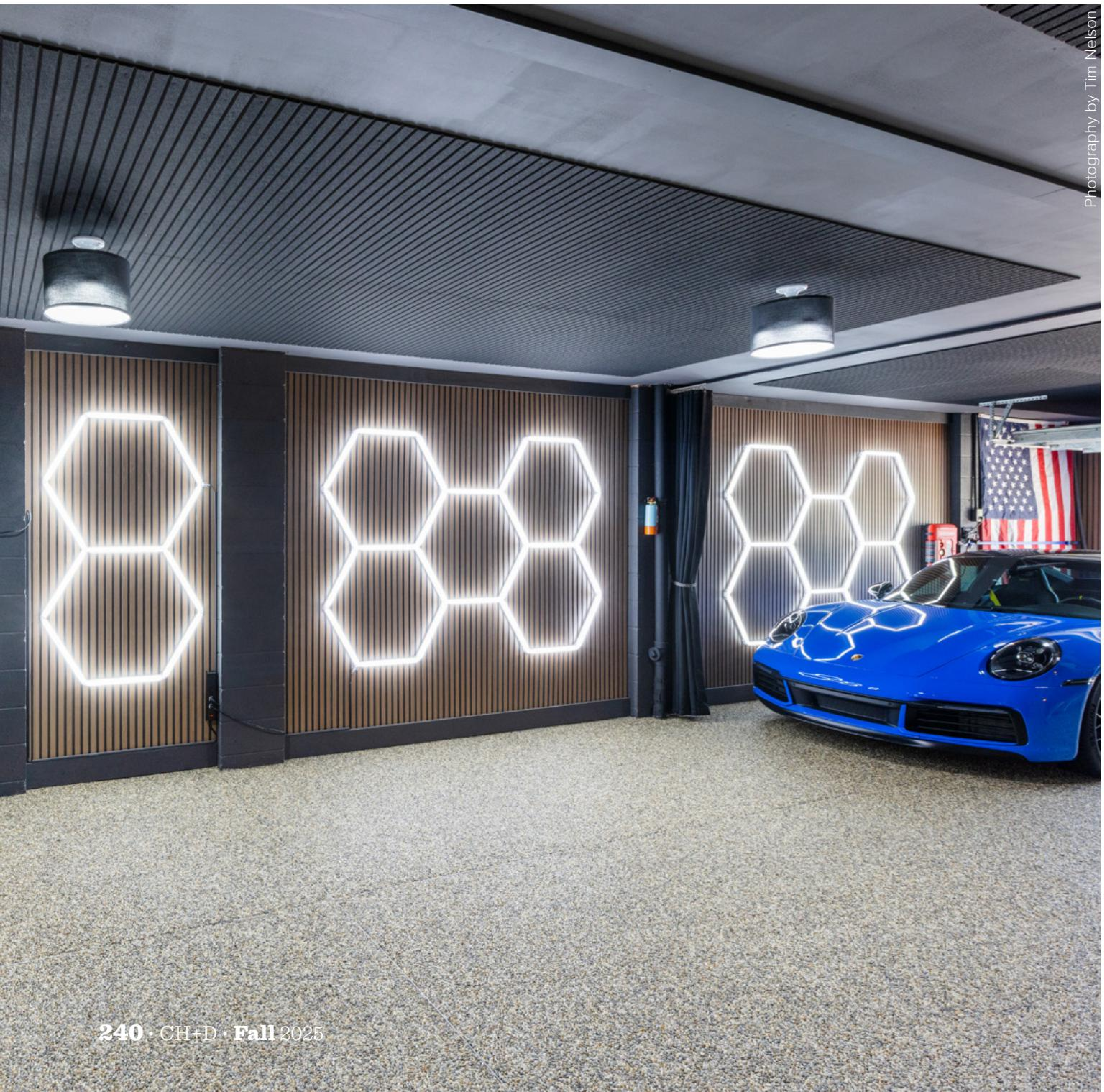


Photography by Brent Cline

Design a Dressing Room

There's no better way to use a spare bedroom than to turn it into a complete dressing room with a central island, display storage, glass shelves, and a seated vanity area.

Custom Closet Designed and Built by Closet Factory, closetfactory.com



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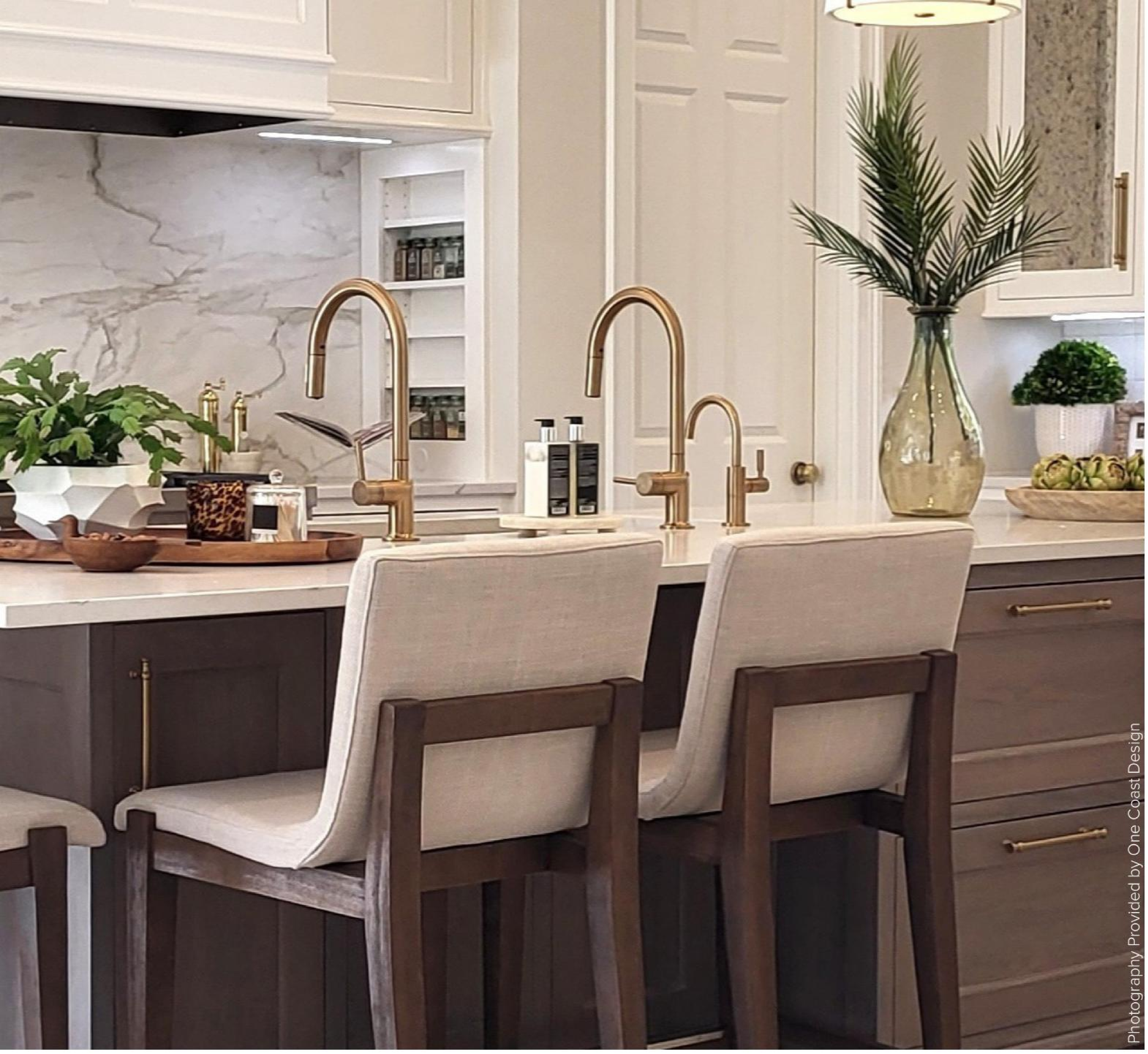
Install Durable Flooring

Upgrade your garage with a hard-working and visually appealing stone overlay.

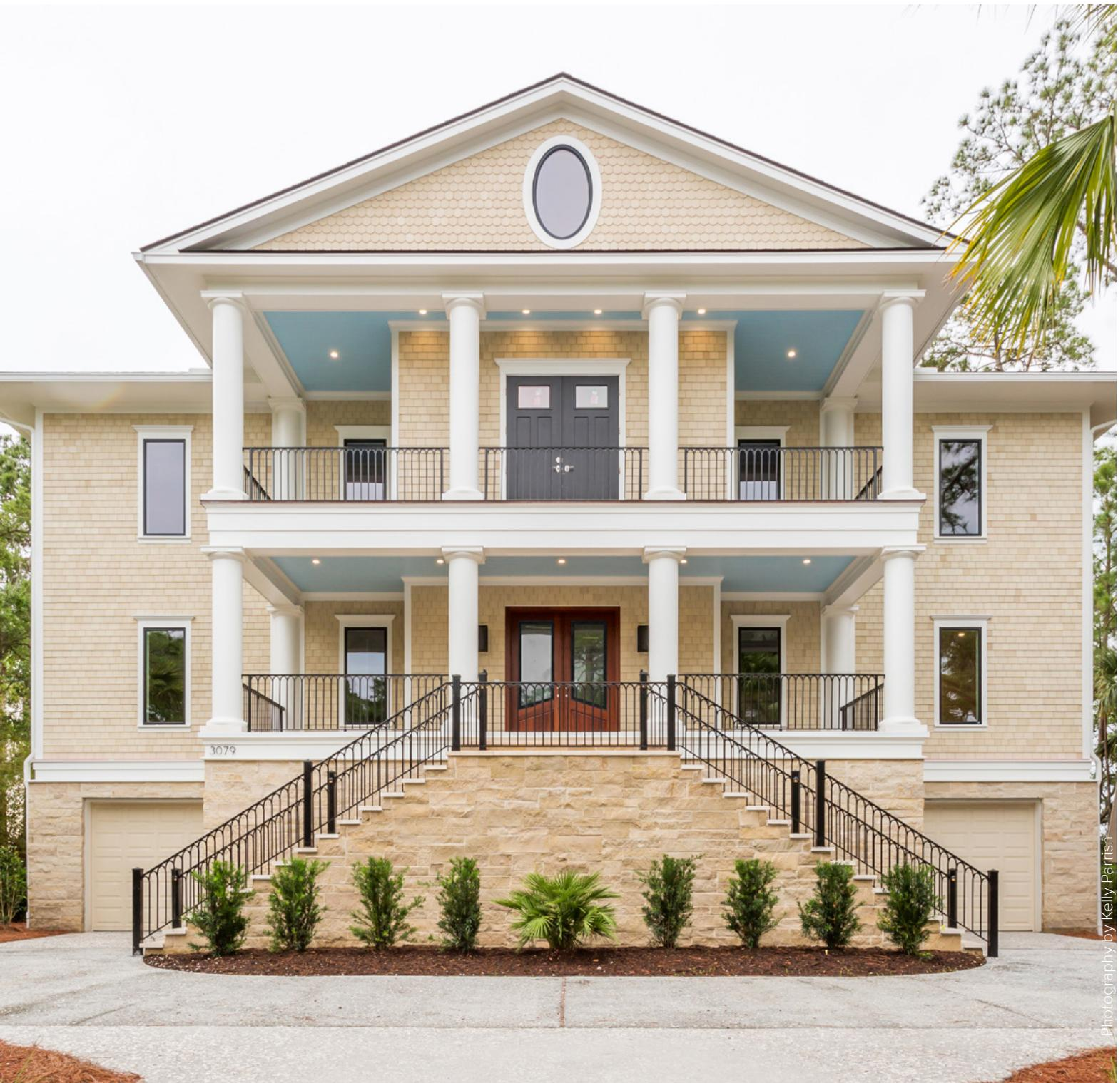
Flooring Installed by Coastal Stone Floors, coastalstonefloors.com


Photography Provided by One Coast Design

Layer Accessories for Comfort

One Coast Design curates kitchens that strike the perfect balance between luxury and livability, pairing statement elements like custom lighting, quartz countertops, and antique glass accents with purposeful functionality. Extra-wide sinks, tailored storage solutions, and a thoughtful layout make these spaces ideal for effortless entertaining.

Kitchen Design by One Coast Design,
onecoastdesign.com



Photography by Kelly Parrish

Enhance the Entrance

Elevate your home's curb appeal by incorporating custom iron railings with a distinctive design.

Custom Iron Stair Rails by Lowcountry Iron & Woodworks,
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Craftsman Console
Atlantic Bedding & Furniture

Kidney Coffee Table
Danco Modern Furniture

Woven Side Table
CHD Interiors

Counter Stool
For the House: The Barstool Shop

No Time For Construction?

Add a new piece of furniture or revamp an existing one with fresh accessories or new upholstery fabric.

Arlington Chest
Charleston Amish Furniture

Nash Sofa
Iola Modern

Wood and Bone Decorative Box
Shanty Shoppe

Petra Swivel Chair
Steven Shell Living

Original Seascape
Terrace Oaks Antiques

RHF Loveseat Sectional
Luonto Furniture

Rattan Mirror
J&K Home Furnishings

Jessica Charles Morgan Chair
Southeastern Galleries

Decorative Door
Zuma Imports

Layer Pattern and Texture

Layer your living space with textured accessories, such as rugs and pillows, for added family comfort and visual depth. Performance fabrics allow this pet-friendly home's sofa to remain white. Designed by Jen Elkins of Bliss Designs

Furniture and Accessories by Steven Shell Living, stevenshellliving.com

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Photography by Bailey Baker

Photography by Ruta Smith

Convert a Spare Room

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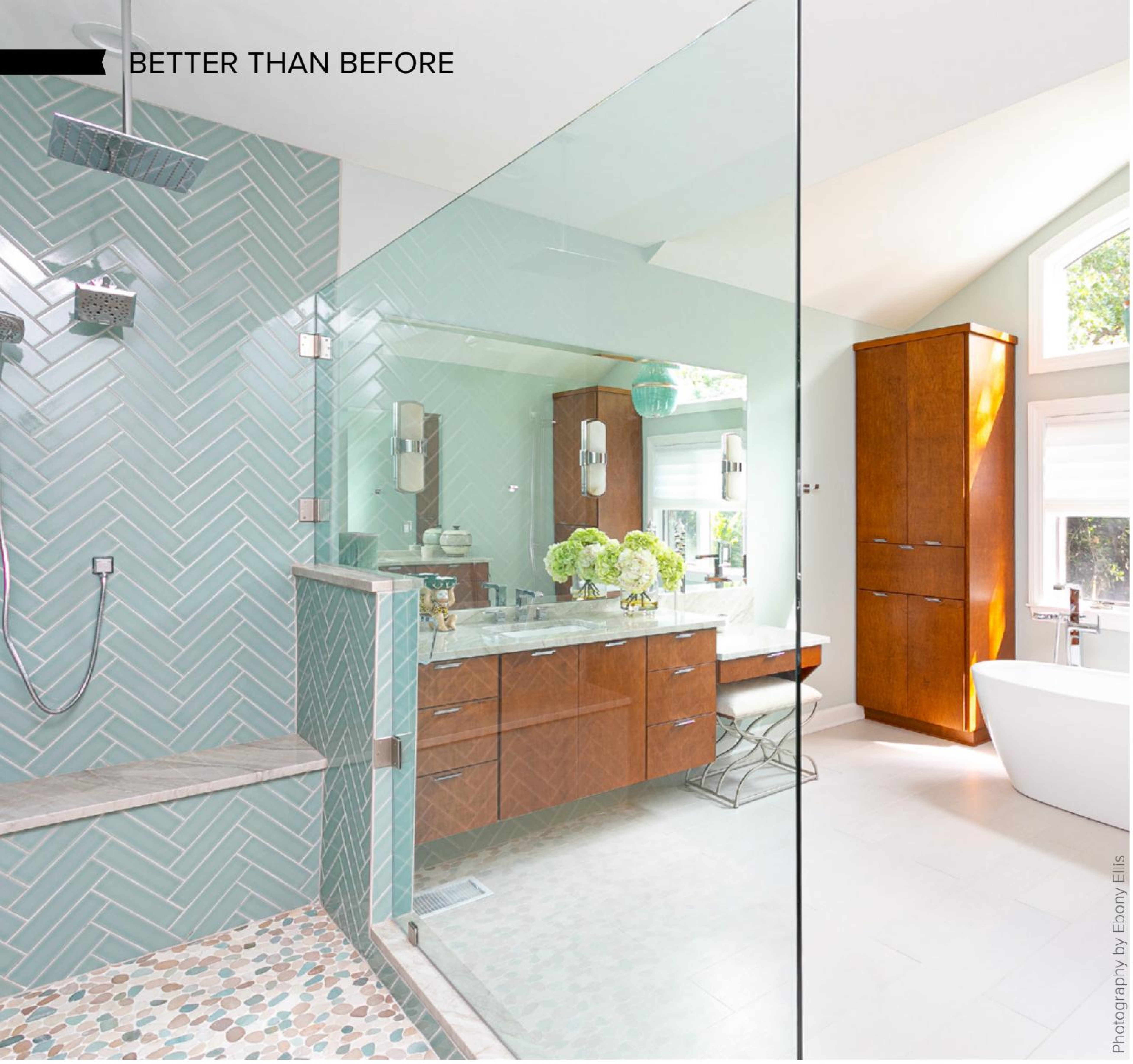
Historic homes often lack storage, particularly in closet space. Consider dedicating a small bedroom to the cause with a custom-built wardrobe system that feels as luxurious as it looks.

Custom Closets Designed and Installed by Closets by Design, closetsbydesign.com

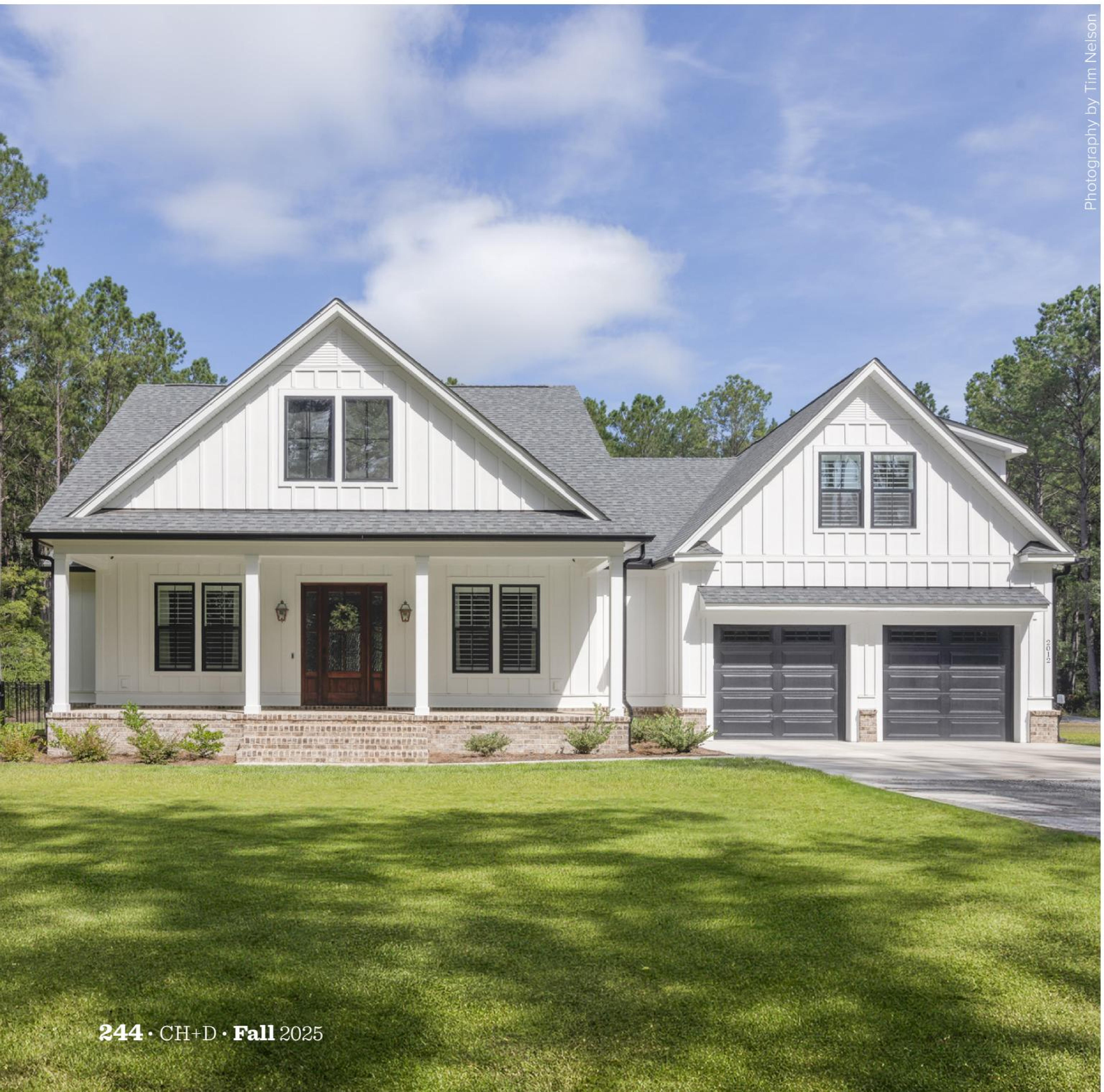


Photography by Ebony Ellis

Use a Natural Color Palette

Soften a bathroom with sea-glass tiles in a herringbone pattern, paired with pebble flooring for a natural, spa-like feel. Balance the cool tones with warm wood cabinetry and a statement light fixture to tie it all together.

Bathroom Remodel by Kalman Construction, kalmanconstruction.com



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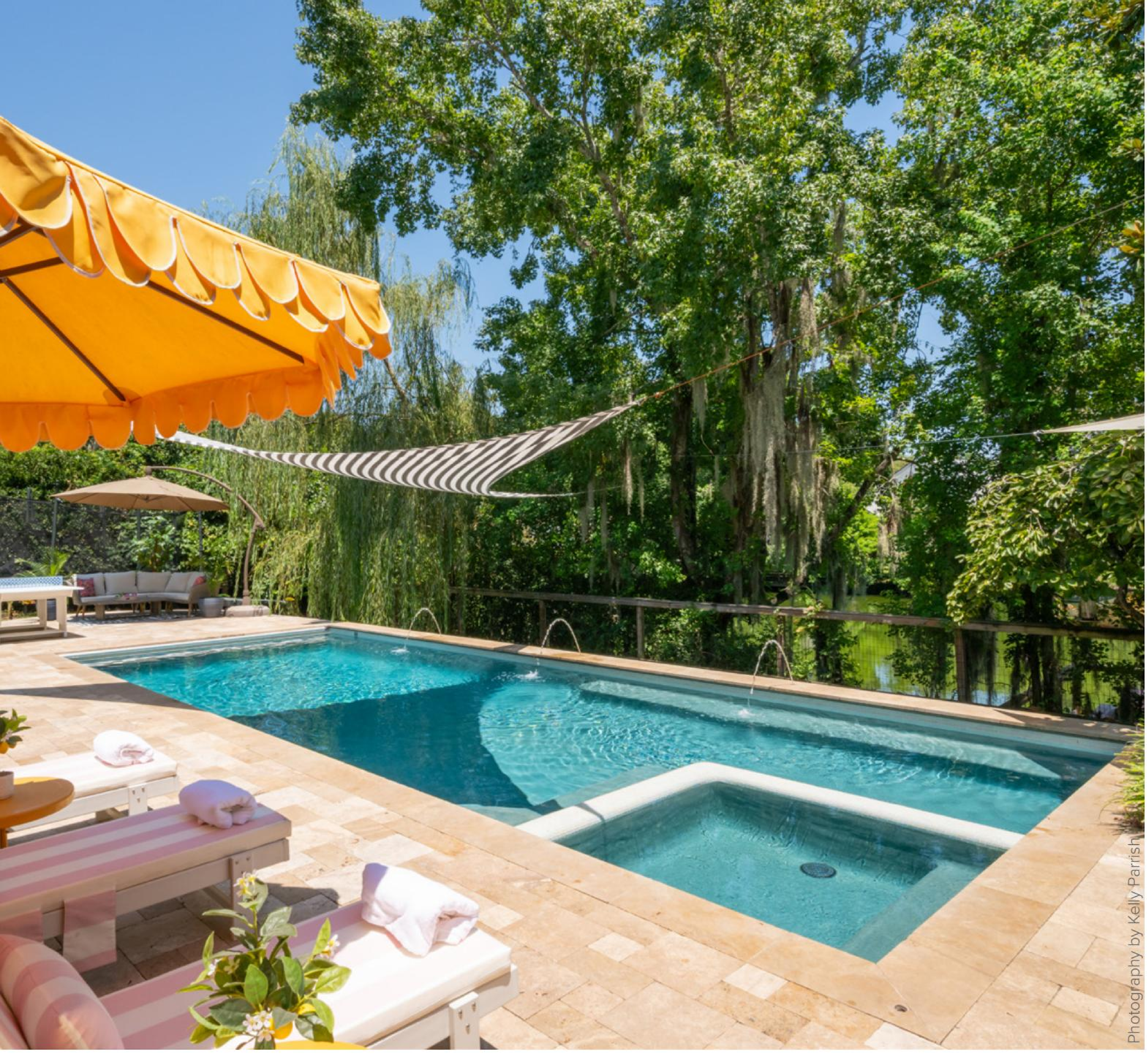
Build for the Coast

Select climate-resistant materials, such as composite siding and decking, along with impact-rated windows and doors.

James Hardie Plank Siding, Therma-Tru Exterior Doors, and JELD-WEN Windows Supplied by 84 Lumber, 84lumber.com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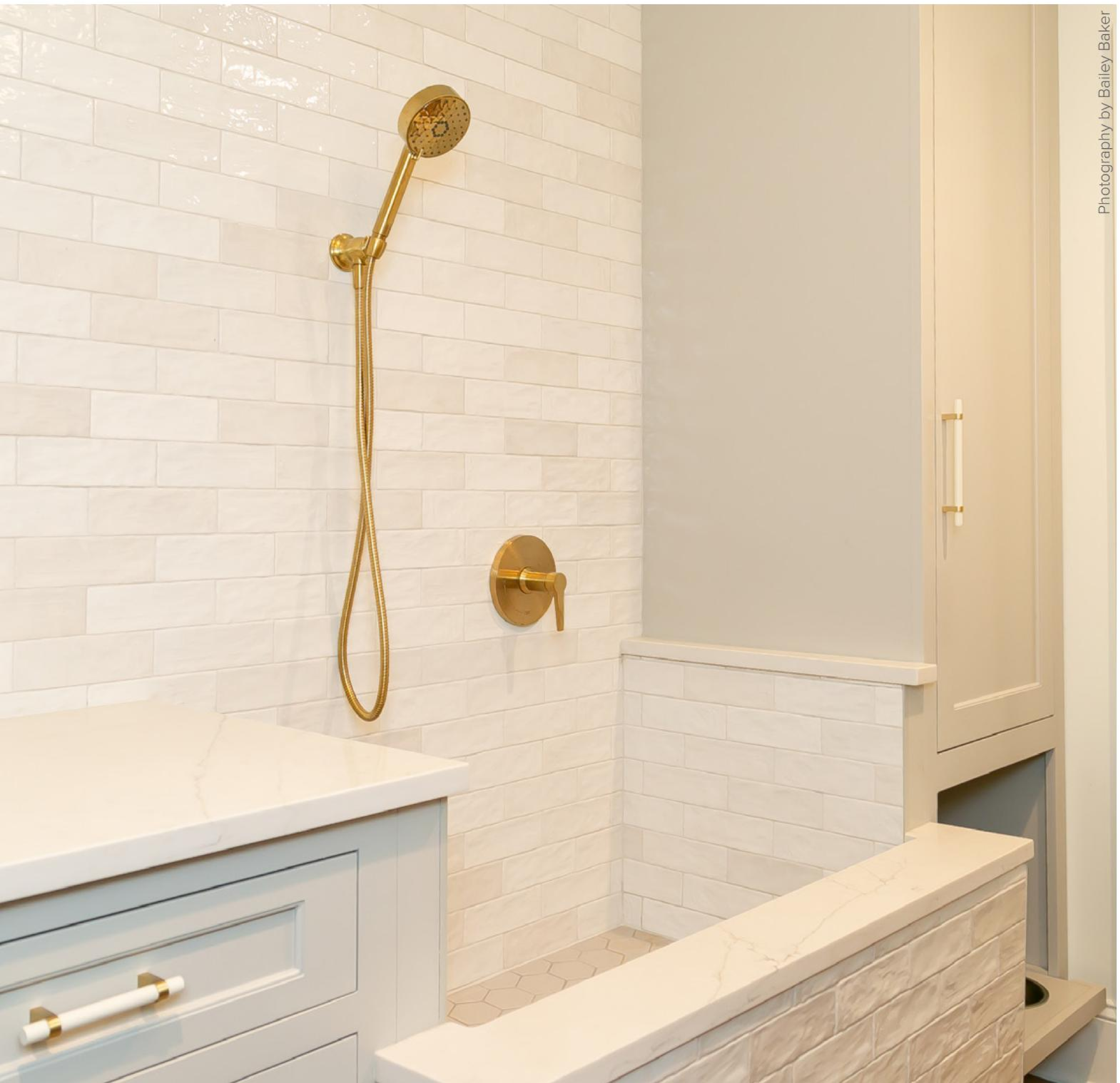
Integrate a Spa

Create more space to enjoy with friends and family when renovating your pool with modern upgrades like soothing water features.

Pool Remodel by Aqua Blue Pools, aquabluepools.net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Add a Grooming Station

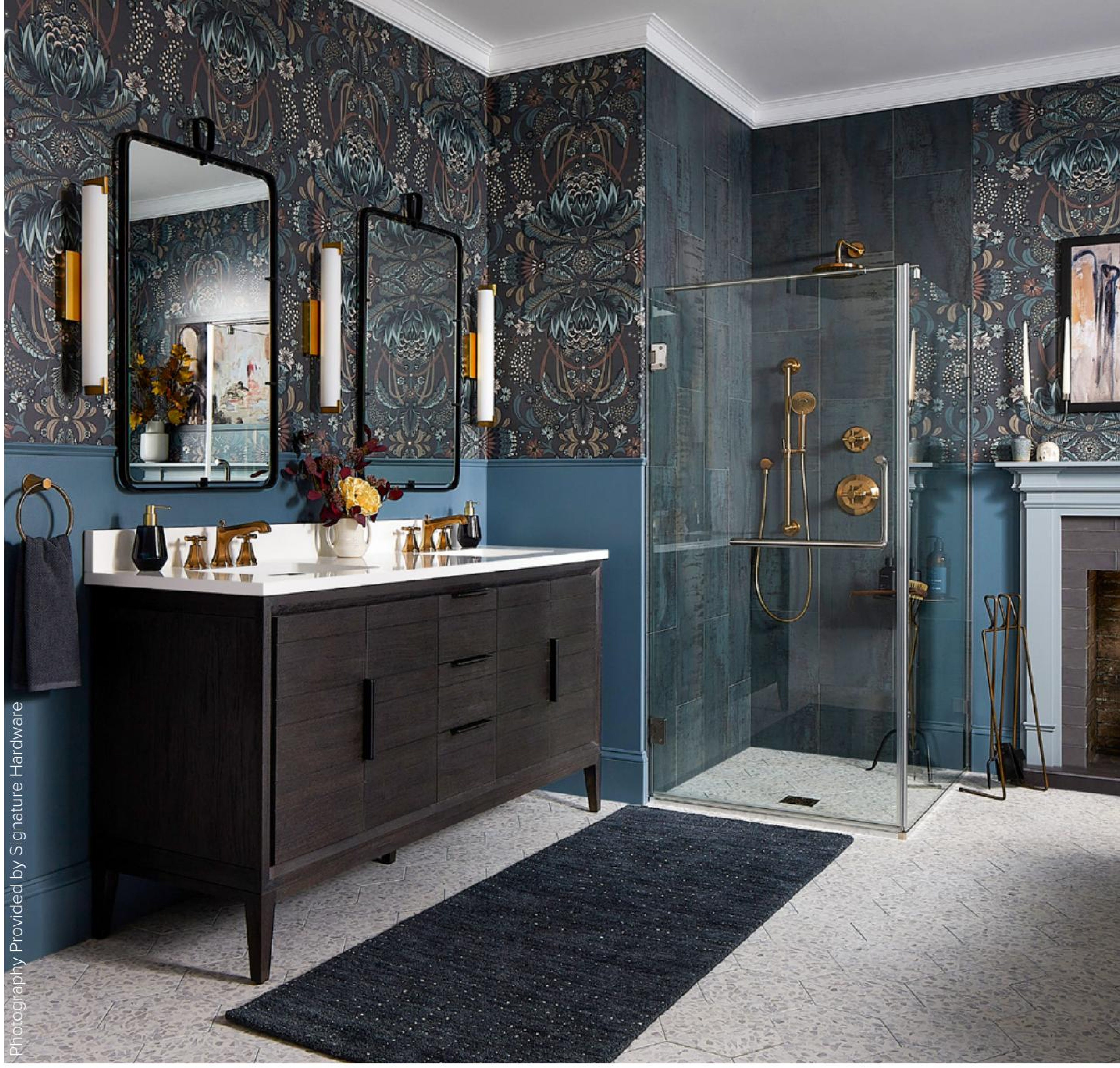
Create a dog-wash station in the laundry room to contain the mess from pet grooming.

Purist Handshower by Gateway Supply Co., gatewaysupply.net

Streamline Fixture Selections

Upgrade fixtures to add modern functionality and aesthetic appeal to any existing bathroom design. ▶

Fixtures Sourced by Ferguson Home, fergusonhome.com



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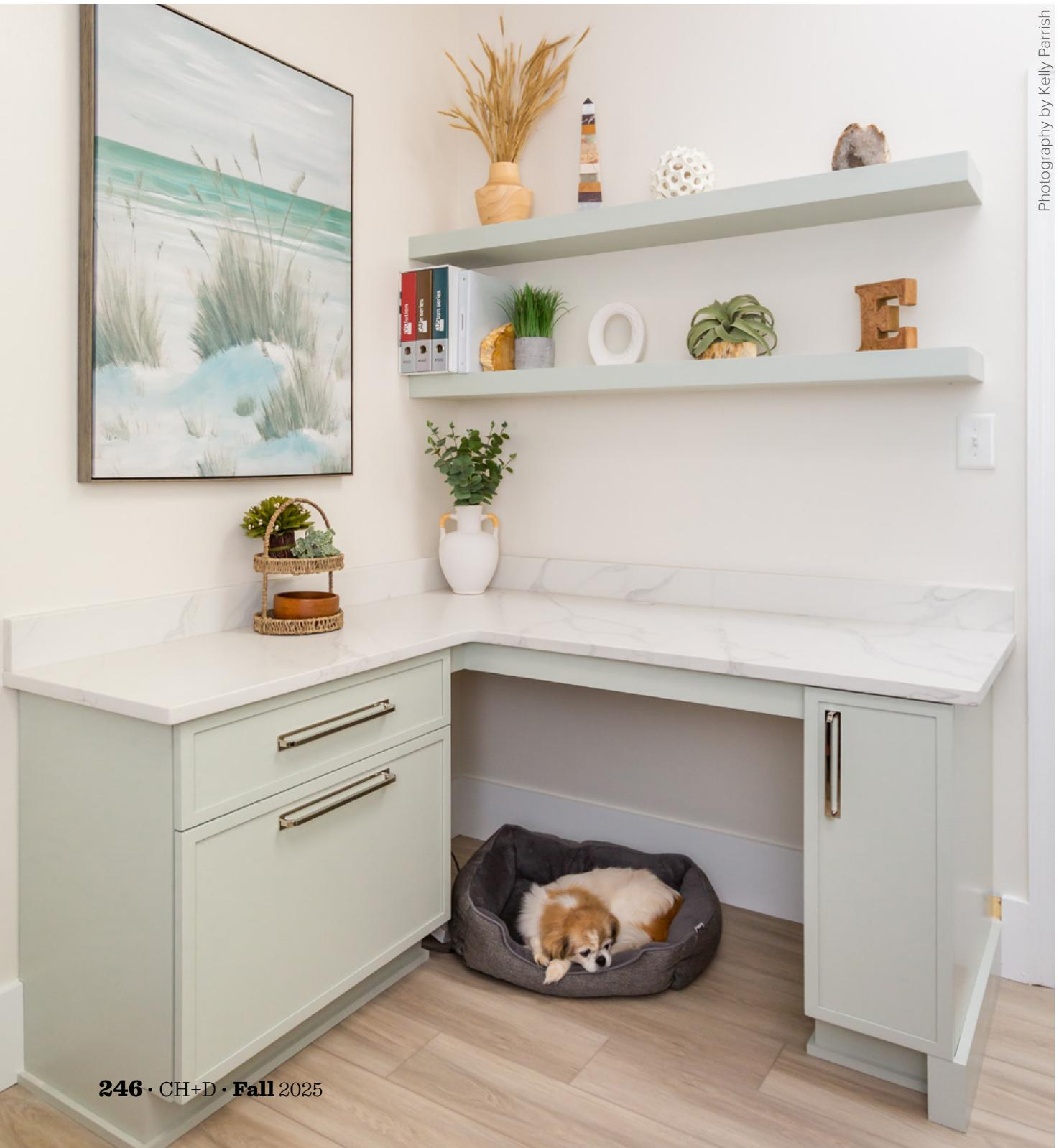

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Position for Productivity

◀ Enhance your work-from-home experience with custom built-in storage solutions that provide space to work and store materials, promoting a clutter-free workday.

Custom Cabinets Designed and Built by Charleston Custom Cabinetry, charlestoncabinetry.com

Layer Natural Texture

Reduce dining room glare during meal time with natural woven roller shades that still filter in a bit of natural light for a warm daytime ambiance. ▶

Window Treatments by Best Buy Blinds Inc., bestbuyblindsinc.com

Photography by Ruta Smith

Photography by Tim Nelson

Pick the Floorplan

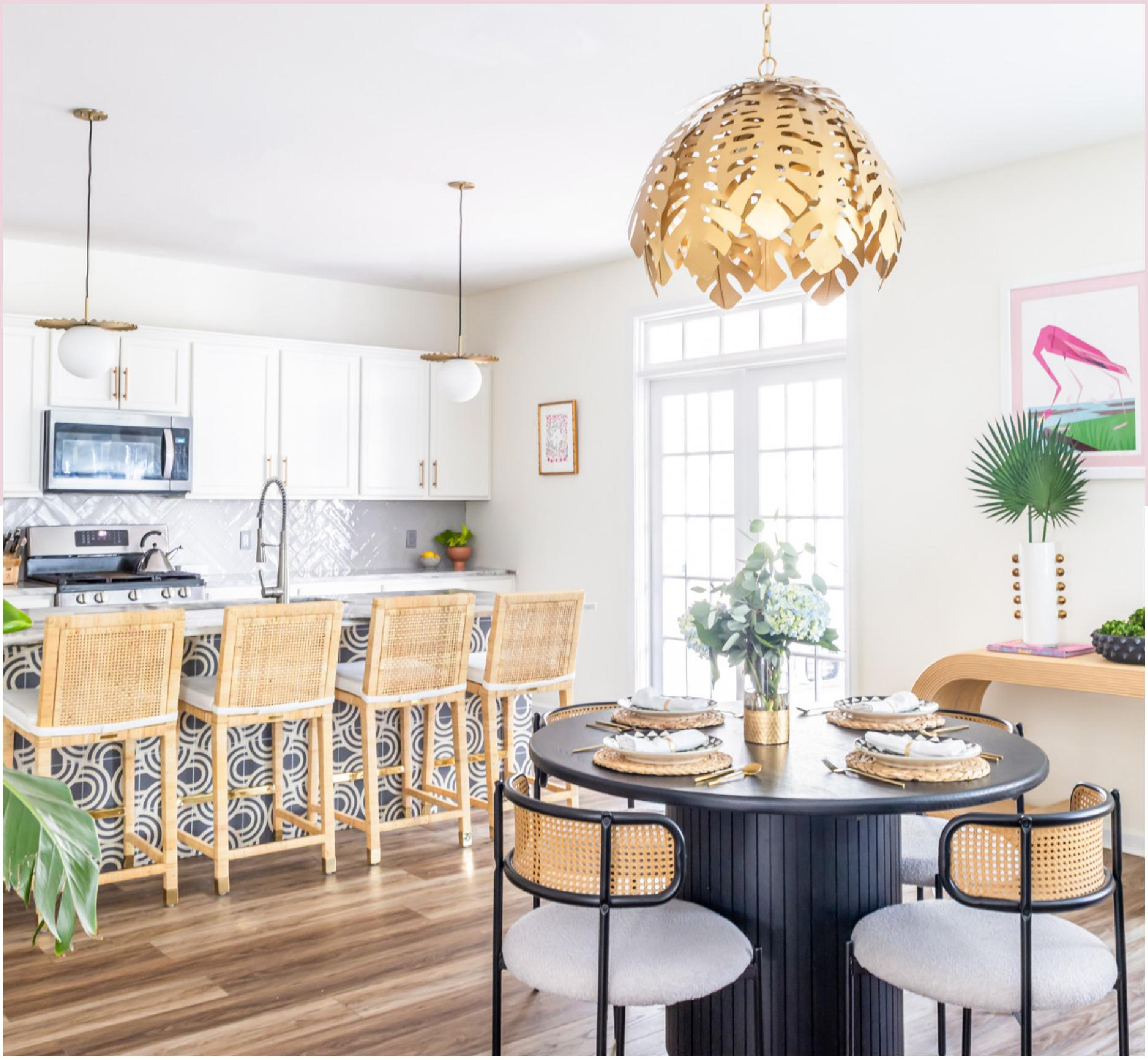
◀ Build on your own lot and select a pre-existing floor plan to personalize.

The Chadwick Farmhouse Plan by Hunter Quinn Homes, hqhomesights.com

STYLED BY *Serrano*

Written by Ashley Rowell
Photography by Callie Webster

Andrea Serrano wears many hats: wardrobe stylist, producer, creative director, brand developer, TV and event host, and small business advocate. A trusted influencer in Charleston, Andrea now invites us into her newly renovated James Island home.



Upon the expansion of her career, Andrea Serrano and her husband, Gustavo, discussed relocating to a home that better suited their needs. This new space needed to have an extra bedroom for a walk-in closet, and an office where Andrea could work more conveniently from home. "To have this much space is not just a physical expansion, it's a mind expansion. There's been so much growth, both personally and professionally, and it's such a joy to have space to work, entertain, and relax. I truly love it," says Andrea.

A New Chapter for the House of Serrano

Since gracing the cover of *Charleston Home + Design* Magazine in the summer of 2022, Andrea's career has continued to flourish, prompting the family's desire for a larger home. The Serranos began searching for a new place to establish roots, though at first nothing felt certain. Then, just minutes from their current residence, they discovered a home on James Island that seemed to check every box. With a dedicated office and an additional bedroom, Andrea already imagined the space to serve as a walk-in closet and studio; the house was perfect for their next chapter.

She admits, "It was hard to leave. We redid everything to be custom to our family. But we knew it was time to go." The new home offered thoughtful conveniences that eased the transition, including a spacious garage where Andrea now organizes photo shoot essentials, such as clothing racks and garment steamers. One exciting feature she shared is the ability to close her office door during Zoom meetings, a luxury she didn't have in her previous office.

The move also marked a meaningful upgrade for the entire family. With bedrooms more generously spread out, their two sons, Mateo and Sebastian, now enjoy larger, more personalized spaces of their own. In her previous interview with the magazine, Andrea noted that her boys only wished for a cozy spot to sleep and a corner for video games. With this move, their world has since expanded well beyond four walls. The boys spend their afternoons fishing, watching sunsets, and exploring the nature trails just steps from their backyard. Behind the home lies protected land that will remain undeveloped, offering the family an ever-present connection to nature. This is a highlight of their move.

Global Glamour

Upon purchasing the home, some immediate changes needed to be made. The first spaces to receive an upgrade were the living, dining, and kitchen, as these are where the family spends most of their time. For the home's interior upgrades, Andrea turned to her close friend and interior designer, Lissette DelVecchio, of Chez Lissette, whose discerning eye brings character and cohesion to every space. "Her expertise really made a difference," Andrea shares, noting how Lissette considered everything, from the precise height of pendant lighting to the exact measurements of a custom bookcase. Beyond the details, Lissette created a mood board that kept the overall vision balanced and refined. “Her contribution was immeasurable throughout the process,” Andrea adds. The interior design of the spaces was modern with retro and global glamour, incorporating her and Mateo’s love of travel and bold, graphic design. “With this new house, we wanted to incorporate pieces from all over the globe,” states Andrea.

In the living area, a custom bookcase painted in a rich black serves as a bold focal point. “We chose to paint the custom bookcase black as a nod to our prior home, where we had black kitchen cabinets,” Andrea explains. The built-ins are layered with a striking wallpaper from York Wallcoverings and thoughtfully styled accessories from local boutique Auden & Avery. The store’s team visited the Serrano home to curate the shelves, blending cherished family pieces with accessories available at their store that are sourced from Indonesia. Andrea opted for a sage green sectional from Celadon to reflect the home’s surroundings, paired with pink accents. The black woven wood shades from Island Shade Shoppe add texture to the living space.

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(above) *Andrea and her pup, Brooklyn, pose in front of a custom-built bookshelf, adorned with striking wallpaper and thoughtfully curated pieces.*

The dining area, nestled between the living room and kitchen, showcases a black breakfast table with a fluted base from TOV Furniture, surrounded by black chairs featuring rattan-accented backs. A contemporary light fixture from GG's on Maybank hangs above, perfectly centering the space. Alongside, a rattan console table with graceful curves, also from Auden & Avery, introduces a fresh silhouette to the space. "This piece is one of my favorites in the home," Andrea admits. Above, artwork by local artists such as Millie Sims, Jenan McClain, Julia Deckman, Sam Rueter, and Anne Rhett Photography, originally curated for her previous home, adds a personal and layered touch.

The kitchen required only subtle updates, yet a single change brought a striking impact: a custom tile backsplash that now envelops the island, replacing the rustic shiplap that once stood in its place. The tile, sourced from Clay Imports in Mexico, was chosen from a mood board Lissette created, inspired by the vibrant spirit of a Hispanic restaurant. Woven rattan barstools from Auden & Avery and sculptural rounded fixtures from Shades of Light complete the composition, infusing the space with warmth, rhythm, and a touch of modern elegance.

Tucked into a corner of the home, the powder bath makes a bold statement. When Andrea discovered the York wallpaper, she knew it would be the perfect way to

echo the color of the built-ins while infusing the space with a playful tropical vibe. The light fixture from GG's on Maybank and mirror from Auden & Avery pairs beautifully with a sleek sink cabinet from Wayfair. "We really go for it," Andrea says. Black-painted trim and ceiling heighten the drama, giving the small space a big impact. "To have this much space is incredible. This move has been more than a physical expansion; it's been a mental one as well. I've experienced so much growth, both personally and professionally. I can't say enough about how much I love our new home. I truly do," Andrea says.

Worlds Colliding

Now that her two boys are older, Andrea has expanded her career into luxury travel campaigns. She recently worked in Bermuda with the tourism board and style campaigns in Aruba for the Ritz-Carlton and St. Regis. With travel as her passion, this career pivot feels almost like it is destiny.

Inspiration is never far. During recent trips to Bali and Bangkok, she drew ideas from architecture, interiors, fashion, and jewelry. "I like to see how people are living on the other side of the world. It makes me feel inspired," Andrea says. Over the years, this global perspective has seamlessly woven into her work and interior design. The rise of social media has also opened new avenues, allowing her to collaborate with brands as an influencer. Drawing on her background in photo shoot production and advertising, Andrea brings a strategic edge to digital marketing. "I will always be a stylist at heart, but wherever I can pivot and use that background, I will. It's all in the same wheelhouse," she explains. ✴

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(above left) *In the powder bath, a black ceiling and trim pair with tropical wallpaper and bamboo window shades to create a dramatic effect.* ***(above right)*** *Soaking up the sunshine, Andrea relaxes on her front porch.*

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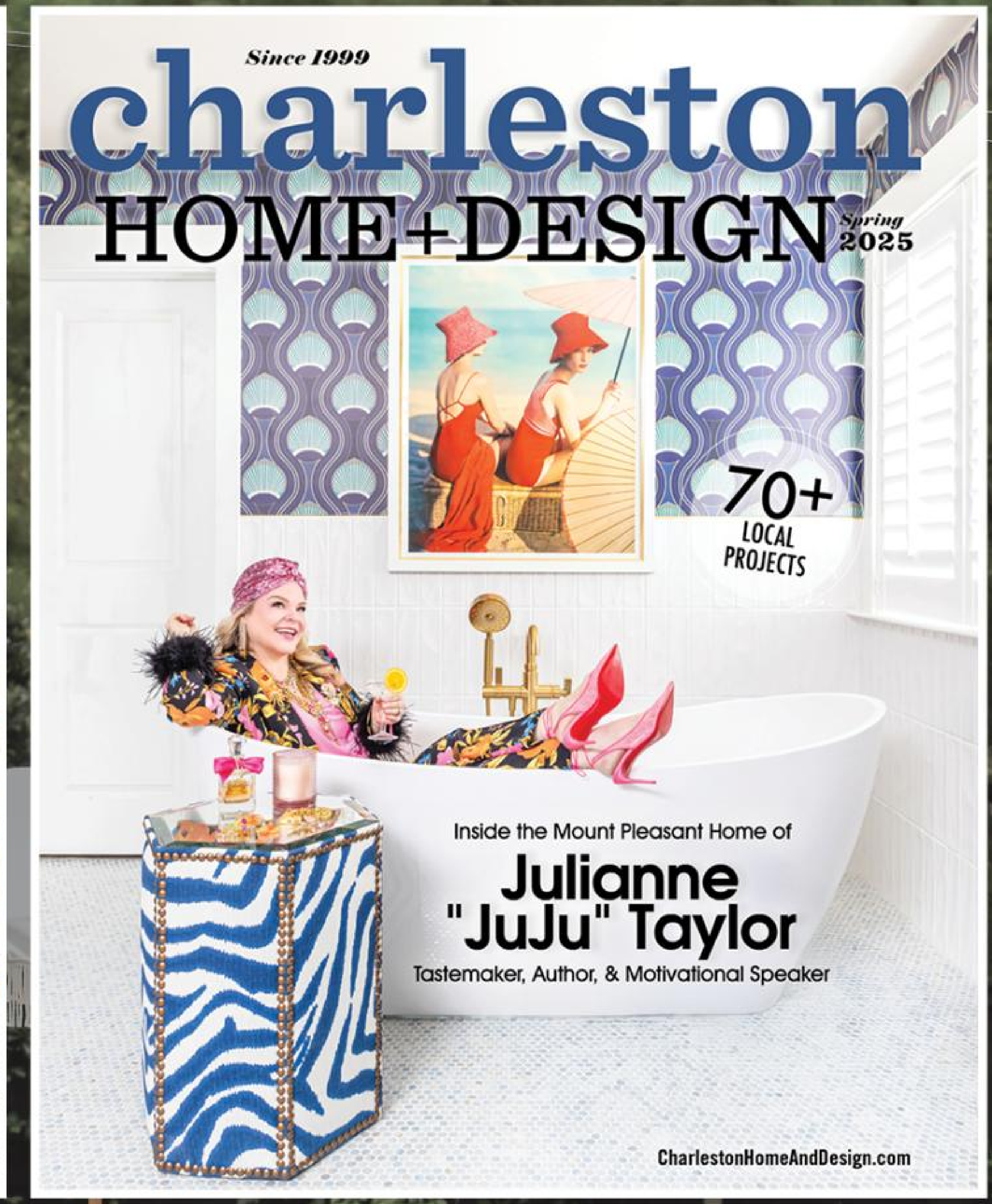
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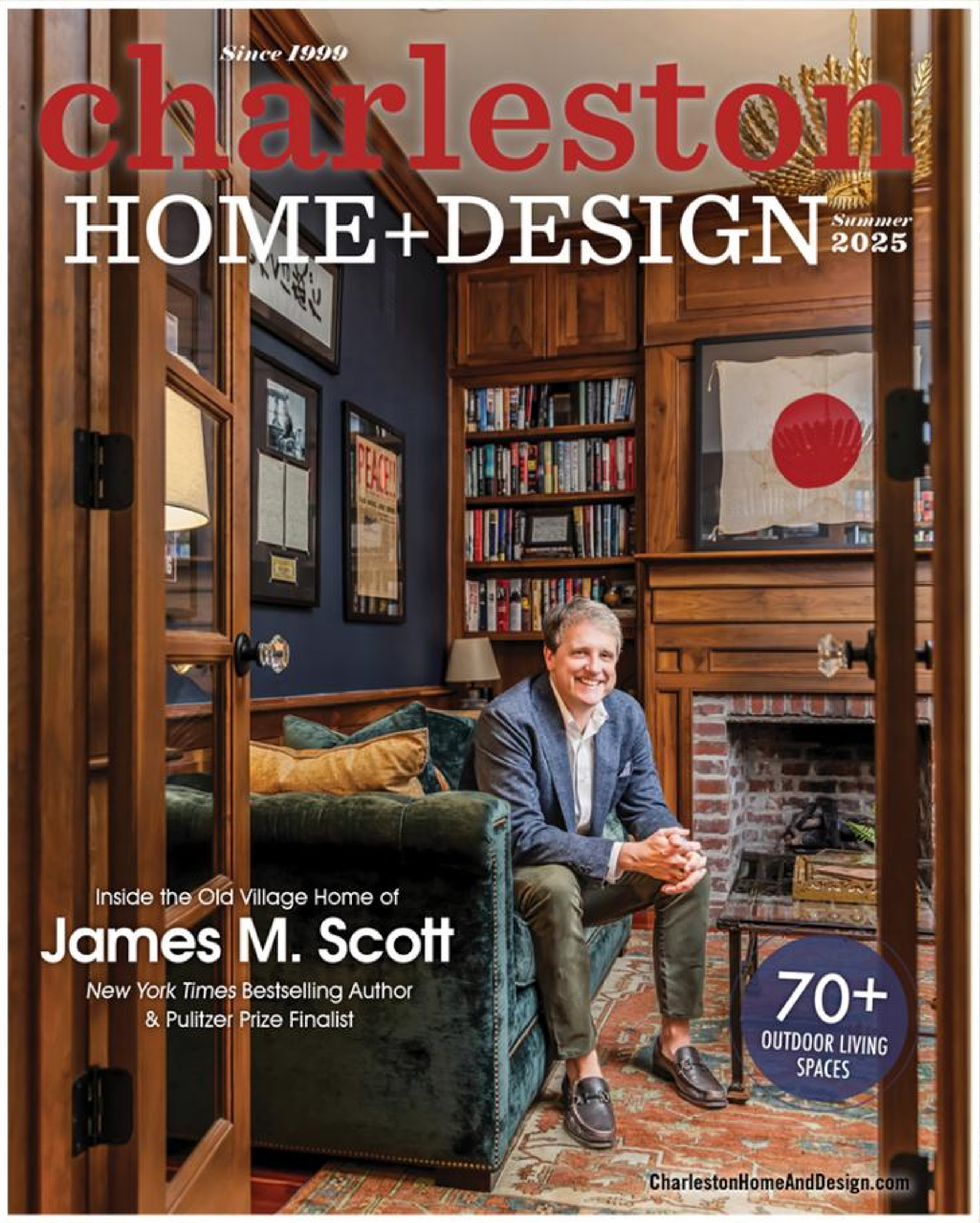
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For the House: The Barstool Shop	843-881-7073

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Bath Tune-Up	843-973-0238
Kitchens, Baths & Beyond	843-881-9566
Source Kitchen & Bath	843-352-4280

Brickwork

DiCarlo Fence Contractors, LLC	843-285-9494

Builders

Arnett Custom Homes	843-271-8668
Bridgeport Homes	843-906-2318
Citadel Enterprises	843-884-4303
CMG Custom Homes, LLC	843-501-0038
Coleman Builders, LLC	843-729-3013
CopeGrand Homes, LLC	843-735-2364
Daly & Sawyer Construction	843-884-7195
Diament Building Corp.	843-991-5531
Hunter Quinn Homes	843-790-6952
Jackson Construction, LLC	843-452-2272
JacksonBuilt Custom Homes	843-471-2310
Lowcountry Premier Custom Homes	843-881-3930
Priester's Custom Contracting, LLC	843-200-8495
Stono Construction	843-805-4141
Watsky & Wieters Construction	843-830-4826

Building Materials

84 Lumber	843-832-8584
Buck Lumber & Building Supply, Inc.	843-795-0150
Carolina Machine Finishing	843-760-0029
Southern Lumber & Millwork Corp.	843-744-6281
WindsorONE	888-229-7900

Cabinets

Art of Drawers	843-865-2905
Butler Woods Purposeful Design	843-259-0330
Cabinet IQ of Charleston	843-256-8382
Charleston Amish Cabinets	843-225-2513
Charleston Cabinets, Inc.	843-554-7800
Charleston Custom Cabinetry	843-548-2436
Charleston Design Center	843-352-8805
Classic Kitchens of Charleston	843-991-4207
HWC Custom Cabinetry	843-207-0750
Kitchen Tune-Up	843-277-2021
Mulberry Millworks	843-936-6128
ShelfGenie	843-890-0542
Sullivan Custom Cabinets, Inc.	843-554-5880

Closet & Organization Systems

Art of Drawers	843-865-2905
Closets by Design	866-484-8130
Closet Factory	843-510-2915
HWC Custom Cabinetry	843-207-0750
Inspired Closets	843-557-1900
ShelfGenie	843-890-0542

Countertops

AGM Imports	843-747-0088
Charleston Cosmos Granite & Marble	843-552-7910
GlassEco Surfaces	843-554-6099
Lux Stone Boutique	843-847-1427
Palmetto Surfacing, Inc.	843-569-1131
Source Kitchen & Bath	843-352-4280
Universal Marble & Granite	843-767-7779

Decorative Hardware

Ferguson Home	843-460-1769
Gateway Supply Co.	843-554-0450
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Design/Build

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Charleston Architects	843-709-7322
Charleston Design Center	843-352-4280
Diament Building Corp.	843-991-5531

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Jean's Custom Workroom, LLC	843-225-1669

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Lowcountry Iron & Woodworks	803-655-5653

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Fireplaces

M & M Oil & Propane (The Fire Place)	843-402-7790
WilliamSmith Fireplaces	843-766-0347

Flooring

Buckhannon Tile + Design	843-881-8911
Carpet Baggers Carpet One	843-410-2680
Coastal Stone Flooring	843-306-3063
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Melcer Tile	843-744-5345

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Backyard Retreats	743-202-7948
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Iola Modern	843-225-5460
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Palm Casual	843-285-5353
Seawah Furniture | Design	843-212-5110
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Steven Shell Living	843-216-3900

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Overhead Door Co. of Charleston	843-767-0028

Garage Floor Coatings

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Garage Organization

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Garden/Nursery Center

Brownswood Nursery & Landscape	843-268-0261

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Carolina Lanterns & Lighting	843-881-4170

Grills

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Stono Outdoor Living Co.	877-800-6238

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Charleston Outdoor Design	843-412-2603
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Hardwood Floors

Flooring Factory	843-790-4354

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Goose Creek Heating & Air + Plumbing	843-863-0967

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Curated. By Amelia Interiors	843-501-7313
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Hayes + Nash Design Co.	843-284-6960
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Inch Projects	704-771-9076
Kate Miles Design	843-388-5431
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Southeastern Galleries	843-556-4663
Terrace Oaks Antiques	843-795-9689
Zuma Imports	843-452-1117

House Plans

Crosby Creations Home Designs	843-998-0505

Hurricane Protection & Shutters

Lowcountry Hurricane Protection & Shutters	843-822-5519

Interior Design

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Curated. By Amelia Interiors	843-501-7313
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Brownswood Nursery & Landscape	843-268-0261
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Light Fixtures

Carolina Lanterns & Lighting	843-881-4170
Charleston Lighting and Interiors	843-766-3055
Cregger Showrooms	843-329-0661
Lowcountry Lighting Studio	843-654-9432

Lumber

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Southern Lumber & Millwork Corp.	843-744-6281

Mantles

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Marble/Stone Products

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Universal Marble & Granite	843-767-7779

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Millwork

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Lowcountry Iron & Woodworks	803-655-5653
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Mirrors

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Outdoor Furniture

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Express Sunrooms of Charleston	843-501-0036
Tidal Creek Designs	843-864-3509

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Carolina Machine Finishing	843-760-0029
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Hunter Backyards & Construction	854-200-7922

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Pool Cover Solutions of the Southeast	843-766-0289

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Aquatica Pools & Spas	843-212-0014
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Citadel Enterprises	843-884-4303
Classic Kitchens of Charleston	843-991-4207
Classic Remodeling & Construction	843-763-3297
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Priester's Custom Contracting	843-200-8495
Stono Construction	843-805-4141
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Rugs

Steven Shell Living	843-216-3900
Zuma Imports	843-452-1117

Shower Enclosures

Malibu Shower Enclosures	843-990-8475

Shutters & Blinds

Advanced Window Fashions	843-881-8858
Best Buy Blinds, Inc.	843-884-3454
Lowcountry Hurricane Protection & Shutters	843-822-5519

Siding

Carolina Machine Finishing	843-760-0029

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Window Treatments

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